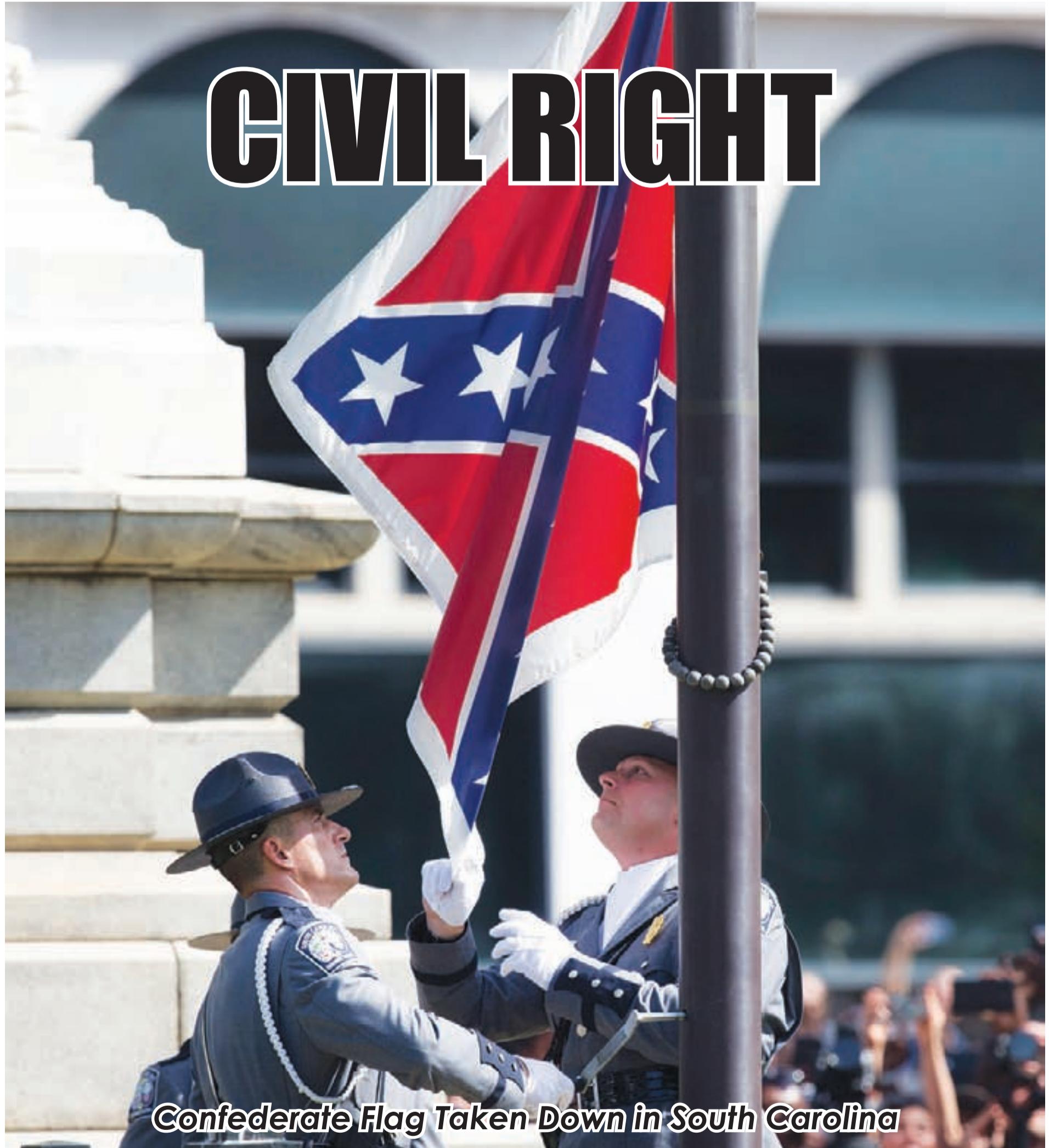


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Confederate Flag Taken Down in South Carolina

An honor guard from the South Carolina Highway patrol removes the Confederate battle flag from the Capitol grounds in Columbia, S.C., ending its 54-year presence there, on Friday, July 10, 2015.

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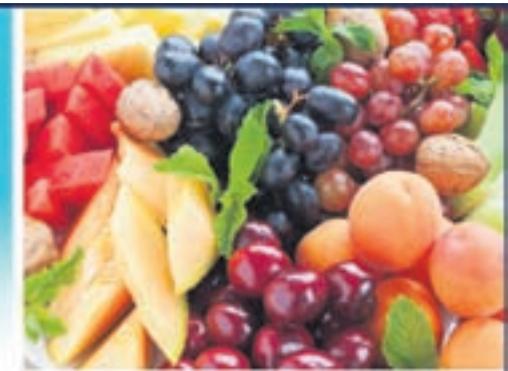
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Iran talks at impasse amid bickering, extended for 3rd time

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — The Iran nuclear talks shifted Friday to a blame game, as Iran's foreign minister accused the United States of shifting its demands and dismissed a warning that the U.S. was ready to quit the negotiations.

Hours after his comments, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met again with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry for another attempt at resolving the differences standing in the way a landmark deal that offers Iran sanctions relief in exchange for long-term, verifiable curbs on nuclear programs that Tehran could use to make weapons.

Afterward, Kerry spoke of progress, while acknowledging a "couple of very difficult issues" still blocking a deal. And despite the sharp public comments by both sides, he said the negotiating atmosphere was

"very constructive."

Still, the sense of drift grew. A senior U.S. official said the preliminary April deal

mirrored the frustrations by the sides as the current round of talks entered its 14th day. After blowing

of Thursday in Washington to avoid delays in implementing their promises.

By missing that target, the U.S. and Iran now have to wait for a 60-day congressional review period during which President Barack Obama cannot waive sanctions on Iran. Had they reached a deal by then, the review would have been only 30 days.

Iran is unlikely to begin a substantial rollback of its nuclear program until it gets sanctions relief in return.

"If you drive the talks into a dead end then it will be you who will be committing a strategic mistake," Iran's parliamentary speaker Ali Larijani said at Friday prayers following the rally in

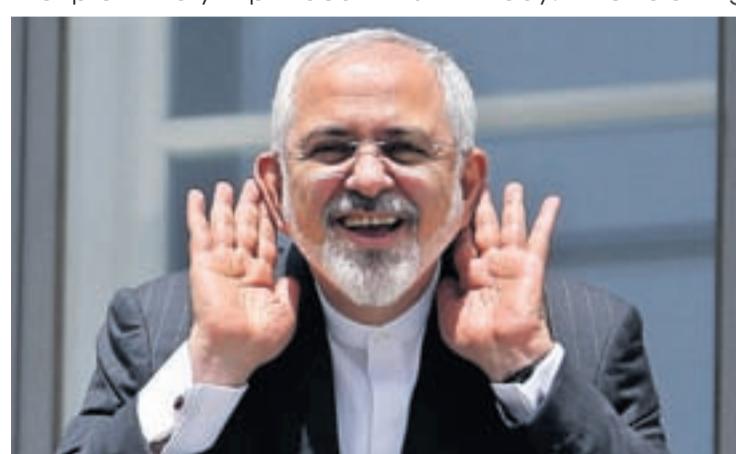
Tehran, addressing the U.S. "And its outcome will not benefit you since Iran's nuclear staff are ready to accelerate nuclear technology at a higher speed than before."

The talks are formally be-

tween Iran and six world powers but have devolved into U.S.-Iranian negotiations over recent months, with diplomats saying the other nations were ready to accept terms agreed to by Tehran and Washington. Zarif's critical comments were thus seen as mostly directed against Washington.

Still, disagreements also have surfaced recently between the U.S. and Russia. Moscow supports Iranian demands for at least a partial lifting of the conventional arms embargo as part of any deal. That's something Washington opposes — and an issue Zarif appeared to touch on in his comments to Iranian state television.

Beyond "witnessing a change of stances" from the other side, Zarif noted a "different stand" on some issues among the six nations. "This situation has made the work difficult," he said. □

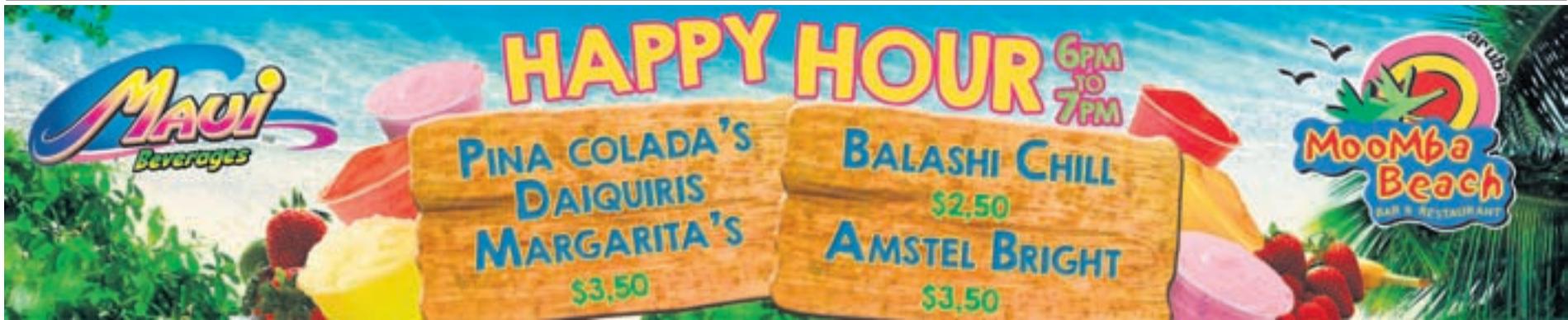


Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif gestures to journalists from a balcony outside of the current round of Iran nuclear talks, being held in Vienna, Austria July 10, 2015. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry urged Iran to make the "tough political decisions" needed to reach an agreement but Iran's Zarif accused major powers on Friday of backtracking on previous pledges and throwing up new "red lines" at nuclear talks.

that set up the present negotiations had been extended until Monday. That effectively set a fourth target date for a final accord that initially was supposed to be sealed by June 30. The tougher rhetoric Friday

past two extensions, negotiators had hoped to wrap up the talks by Friday, but Zarif's comments cast doubts that agreement was near.

The sides had hoped to seal a deal before the end



After 54 years;

Confederate Flag Taken Down in South Carolina

JEFFREY COLLINS

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Caro-

lina (AP) — South Carolina pulled the Confederate flag from its place of honor at the Statehouse on Friday, marking a milestone in how America commemorates the war that tore the United States apart 150 years ago.

Many people believed the rebel banner would fly forever in the first state to leave the Union, despite bitter feelings that remained after the flag was demoted from atop the Capitol dome to a Confederate monument out front 15 years ago.

But the killings of nine black church members during a Bible study in Charleston last month suddenly changed the political truths and consequences surrounding Civil War symbols. The battle flag unfurled to assert white power and protest the civil rights protest in the 1960s had been defended by white Republican leaders until last month as a symbol of Southern pride. After the church attack, even supporters felt compelled to acknowledge that the flag also represents racial hatred.

"No lie can live forever. That flag is a lie," South Carolina NAACP President Lonnie Randolph said.

The flag came down Friday without incident, in a 6-minute ceremony, amid a crowd of up to 10,000 people chanting "USA, USA," and "hey, hey, hey, goodbye."

A multi-racial honor guard of South Carolina troopers wearing dress-gray uniforms and white gloves

carefully folded and rolled it up. The flag was then taken to the state's Confederate Relic Room to be put

reversed their positions as well, and Thursday's final votes in South Carolina's Republican-led legislature

ored and defamed," Le-

land Summers said.

But if South Carolina

couldn't make a last stand



An honor guard member from the South Carolina Highway Patrol hands the Confederate battle flag that flew in front of the Statehouse to the curator of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum after it was taken down Friday, July 10, 2015, in Columbia, S.C.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

in a new multimillion-dollar display. Later Friday, the 30-foot (9.14-meter) pole it flew on was yanked out after several mighty tugs from a crane.

Overseeing it all was an imposing statue of Benjamin Tillman, the South Carolina governor who went to Washington as a U.S. senator and proudly described how he undermined post-Civil War Reconstruction by killing black people who tried to vote in the 1800s.

Gov. Nikki Haley, who has national ambitions of her own, felt compelled by last month's killings to call for bringing down the flag, only months after calling her Democratic opponent's demand to do the same thing a "stunt." Other leading Republicans swiftly

were overwhelmingly in favor of removal.

As the flag came down, Haley joined family members of the victims and other dignitaries on the steps of the Statehouse, and while she didn't speak, she nodded and smiled after someone in the crowd shouted: "Thank you governor."

President Barack Obama tweeted minutes later, calling it "a sign of good will and healing and a meaningful step towards a better future."

for the Lost Cause, where else might it happen? From Alabama to Alaska, Confederate and segregationist monuments, statues, symbols and place names are being re-examined.

"They aren't going to be happy until Mississippi is just like Michigan," said Nelson Waller, who joined several dozen flag supporters in a rally at the Statehouse earlier this week, but said he was too heartbroken to see it taken down.

Two white troopers neatly tied the rolled-up flag with a white ribbon, then handed it to a black trooper who marched it away. But Highway Patrol Cpl. Rupert Pope downplayed the significance of their race.

"We're all gray," Pope said. The same seven-man hon-

or guard carried state Sen. Clementa Pinckney's coffin into the Statehouse for a viewing last month.

Pinckney also led the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, where he and eight others were gunned down during their Bible study.

Police arrested a white gunman who had posed with Confederate flags, and called it a hate crime. Family members of the slain churchgoers were given prime spots to watch the flag's removal, joined by a crowd of between 8,000 and 10,000 people, according to Sherri Iacobelli of the state Department of Public Safety.

Denise Quarles, who lost her mother, Myra Thompson, said "the Emanuel 9" were surely smiling down from heaven.

"The tragedy was a tragedy. But now on the other side of that tragedy, we see a lot of positives coming out. Maybe people will change their hearts," Quarles said.

Lawmakers in other states are targeting other symbols. The Mississippi flag includes the rebel battle flag, and Georgia's incorporates another Confederate design.

Thousands of Southerners drive cars with license plates featuring the rebel banner, which was quickly banished from Alabama's capitol and federal cemeteries since the shootings. In Memphis, Tennessee, officials are working to remove the remains and a statue of slave trader, Confederate general and Ku Klux Klan founder Nathan Bedford Forrest from a prominent city park. □

US personnel chief resigns in wake of massive data breach



Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Director Katherine Archuleta testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Obama accepted Office of Personnel Management Director Katherine Archuleta's resignation on Friday morning.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

JOSH LEDERMAN

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the U.S. government's personnel office re-

signed abruptly on Friday, giving in to bipartisan calls for her to step down following a government data breach that is believed to be the biggest in U.S. his-

tory.

Katherine Archuleta, director of the federal Office of Personnel Management, submitted her resignation to President Barack Obama on Friday morning, the White House said. That comes a day after the Obama administration said hackers stole Social Security identification numbers and other highly sensitive data from more than 21 million people.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that Archuleta wasn't forced out but said, "It's quite clear that new leadership, with a set of skills and experiences that are unique to the urgent challenges that OPM faces, are badly needed." She will be replaced on a temporary basis by the

agency's deputy director, Beth Cobert, who will step into the role on Saturday. Archuleta had told reporters Thursday she had no intention of leaving and that her agency was doing everything it could to address concerns. But within hours of the Obama administration on Thursday releasing new details about the scope of the breach, House Republican leaders demanded new leadership in the agency, and a number of Democrats followed.

Hackers downloaded Social Security numbers, health histories or other highly sensitive data from OPM's databases, affecting more than five times the 4.2 million people the government first disclosed this year. Since then, the administration had acknowledged a second, related breach of systems housing private data that individuals submit during background investigations to obtain security clearances.

Among the data the hackers stole: criminal, financial, health, employment and residency histories, as well as information about families and acquaintances. The second, larger attack affected more than 19 million people who applied for clearances, as well as nearly 2 million of their spouses, housemates and others.

Numerous U.S. lawmakers who have been briefed on the federal investigation have said emphatically that China's government was responsible for the hack, and investigators previously told The Associated Press that the U.S. government was increasingly confident that China's government was responsible.

Yet the White House has refused to point the finger at China, saying only that the same party was responsible for both of the breaches.

China has publicly denied involvement in the break-in. □

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FBI: Church suspect shouldn't have been able to acquire gun

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man charged in the Charleston, South Carolina, church massacre should not have been allowed to purchase the weapon used in the attack that killed nine people, FBI Director James Comey said Friday. He outlined the "heartbreaking" missed opportunities and background check flaws that allowed the transaction to take place.

"We are all sick that this has happened," Comey told reporters. "We wish we could turn back time, because from this vantage point, everything seems obvious."

He said he had ordered a review into what happened and that FBI officials would meet with victims' relatives.

The problems began with the drug-related arrest of

Dylann Roof weeks before the shooting.

At issue was a police report from the arrest in which authorities say he admitted to possessing illegal drugs. Under federal rules, that admission would have been enough to immediately disqualify him from his gun purchase in April, even though he wasn't convicted of the charge.

But, Comey said, the FBI background check examiner who evaluated Roof's gun purchase order never saw the arrest report because the wrong arresting agency was listed on state criminal history records.

The purchase order was on hold for three days as the FBI examiner tried to figure out if it should be approved or rejected. Once that window closed without a clear answer, the gun dealer used its legal discretion to complete the transaction. □

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San Francisco sheriff defends release of immigrant suspect



San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi, left, Under Sheriff Federico Rocha and legal counsel Freya Horne, right, speak during a news conference, Friday, July 10, 2015, in San Francisco. Mirkarimi provided information regarding the April 2015 release of Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who is now accused in the shooting death of a woman at a popular tourist site.

(AP Photo/Tony Avelar)

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JANIE HAR

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

San Francisco's sheriff is defending the release of a Mexican immigrant who later was accused of ran-

domly killing a young woman, saying federal authorities failed to provide legal basis to continue to hold him.

Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi told reporters Friday that his department followed pro-

cedure and local laws when they released Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez in April after a years-old arrest warrant on marijuana charges against him was dismissed.

Sanchez is accused of shooting to death a 32-year-old woman on July 1 while she was walking along a city pier with her father.

Sanchez was in the United States illegally and had been deported five times.

The killing has brought heavy criticism on the city from politicians of both parties and become the latest flashpoint in the debate over how to deal with illegal immigration.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office, citing city policy on immigrants with no violent criminal background, had released Sanchez despite a federal immigration request asking them to hold him until U.S. authorities could take him into cus-

tody for deportation proceedings.

Mirkarimi is calling for review of how his department and federal authorities communicate. "A tragedy of this dimension requires us all to step back and look at our policies," he said.

Sanchez has been in police custody since his most recent arrest. He has said he found the gun under a bench and that it fired accidentally. □

Trump Phoenix visit to highlight GOP party's immigration issues

PHOENIX (AP) — Donald Trump is stepping into the heart of the nation's battle over immigration when he visits Arizona, but the Republican presidential candidate will come face to face with not only immigrant-rights advocates but a Republican Party that is trying to move beyond the divisive issue.

The state's major Chamber of Commerce group, both U.S. senators and a host of other Republican backers heaped their ire on Trump as Saturday's visit drew near. Democrats and Republicans who run the city government blasted him even as they supported his right to rent the city owned Phoenix Convention Center for what is expected to be

an overflow crowd. And Republican Gov. Doug Ducey, who met Marco Rubio and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker when they were recently in the state, is snubbing the real estate mogul.

Protesters plan to gather outside the convention center.

Maricopa County's tough-on-immigration sheriff, Joe Arpaio, is set to speak before Trump at the event, which comes weeks after the June 16 campaign kickoff speech in which Trump said Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the country and some are rapists. He's since faced a series of cancellations from companies that do business with him or his companies. □

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\$10 bill change rankles descendant of Alexander Hamilton

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Doug Hamilton is just fine with plans to put a woman's portrait on U.S. paper money, but he'd prefer that the Treasury Department leave the \$10 bill alone — particularly the prominent visage of his great-great-great-great-grandfather, Alexander Hamilton.

The 10-spot is a source of family pride in Hamilton's house in suburban Columbus, a dignified symbol of the historical importance of his ancestor, whose picture has been on it since 1929. So naturally, Hamilton started making some noise when he heard about the proposal that has Alexander Hamilton sharing the note with a deserving woman yet to be chosen. The 64-year-old salesman for IBM has joined a growing backlash against what he calls the "diminishing" of Hamilton, who as the country's first treasury secretary created the modern U.S. financial system, with a national debt, bank and mint, and with the dollar as



Doug Hamilton holds a \$10 bill bearing the portrait of his direct ancestor, Alexander Hamilton in Columbus, Ohio. Doug Hamilton and others are trying to persuade the U.S. Treasury Department to change its plan to alter the bill as part of the effort to include a portrait of a woman on paper money.

(AP Photo/Mitch Stacy)

currency.

"He's the father of paper money," says Doug Hamilton, who has a son and grandson carrying the name of their famous ancestor. (His daughter, Elizabeth, was named for Alexander Hamilton's wife.) He's urging people to sign a petition on the White House "We The People" website, and this weekend he'll be preaching the Hamiltonian gospel at a series of annual events in New York and New Jersey

planned around the anniversary of Alexander Hamilton's death on July 12, 1804, a day after his duel with Aaron Burr.

The trip also will include a preview of the hip-hop musical "Hamilton," based on Ron Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton, opening on Broadway.

Outcry over Hamilton's possible demotion has been somewhat lost in the wave of excitement over the inclusion of a woman's portrait on paper currency. The Treasury Department says the \$10 bill was chosen because it's up next for a redesign to improve anti-counterfeiting features. The new bill would go into circulation in 2020.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said this week that he's sticking with the plan, despite critics arguing that a woman should be featured on the \$20 bill in place of Andrew Jackson, whom many historians view less favorably because of his treatment of Native Americans and his ownership of slaves.

"Right now is the time to call that out," says Barbara Howard, founder of the group Women on 20s, which advocates replacing Jackson with a deserving woman from history. Doug Hamilton has joined forces with Howard's group and others trying to change Lew's mind.

Meanwhile, former Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke wrote in a blog that he was "appalled" at the idea of adding a woman to the \$10 bill at Hamilton's expense. The New York Times wrote in a Fourth of July editorial that it's a much better idea to bump Jackson, an undistinguished president who, ironically, hated the idea of paper currency.

"The announcement has really befuddled people," says Rand Scholet, president of a group called The Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society, which planned some of the events this weekend ex-

pected to draw hundreds. According to the Treasury Department, putting Hamilton's portrait on the \$10 bill was included in the changes made by the government "to restore faith in economic power of the United States and currency" after the economic crash of 1929 and into the Great Depression.

Doug Hamilton, a penniless orphan from the Caribbean, rose through the ranks in the Revolutionary War to become George Washington's right-hand man. He was an early and tireless advocate for a federal system that bound the struggling young nation together. As one author of the Federalist Papers, he composed some of the most famous and influential essays in American history, arguing for a U.S. Constitution. Doug Hamilton has known since he was a kid that he was related to the founding father. His grandmother first told him, and he confirmed it later through genealogical studies. But all that aside, he says his ancestor's towering achievements have earned him a permanent place on the bill, and the picture should remain untouched.

"We think," Doug Hamilton says, "he is somebody the younger generation should look up to." □

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Yellen:

Fed still on track to raise rates this year

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said the Fed is on track to start raising interest rates later this year but expressed multiple concerns over headwinds that are still holding back the U.S. economy.

She described the outlook for the economy and inflation as "highly uncertain," amid lingering weakness in the labor market and new potential threats overseas. Yellen, speaking on the economy for the first time since the Fed's June meeting, saw reasons for encouragement. Consumer

spending appears to be picking up, and employment is likely to keep expanding, she said.

"Based on my outlook, I expect that it will be appropriate at some point later this year to take the first step to raise the federal funds rate," Yellen said, referring to the Fed's key short-term interest rate, which has been at a record low near zero since December 2008. But she also outlined a host of concerns, from weak wage growth to a low labor participation rate to "disappointing" productivity. She reiterated that inflation is still well below the Fed's 2 percent tar-

get. Yellen also noted that cautious business owners "have not substantially increased their capital expenditures."

Yellen, whose comments came in a speech in Cleveland, said even when the Fed does start raising rates, the increases will be gradual. New potential risks have emerged since the Fed's June 16-17 meeting, including the on-going Greek debt crisis and a sharp plunge in China's stock market over the past month.

Yellen noted in her speech that the "situation in Greece remains unresolved." □



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Colleges in Cuba, US build ties as diplomatic tensions ease

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — As the U.S. and Cuba mend ties, colleges in both countries are forming partnerships that once were heavily restricted.

Only months after the U.S. eased travel restrictions, several colleges have struck agreements with Cuban schools to create exchange programs for students and faculty. More American colleges are planning study trips to Cuba, and both sides are exploring research projects. "I think there's going to be an explosion in all of those kinds of collaborations," said Mauro Guillen, director of the Lauder Institute for Management and International Studies at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

At Auburn University in Alabama, the college of agriculture agreed to partner with the Agrarian University of Havana under a new five-year exchange agreement. The University of the District of Columbia and California State University, Fullerton, also signed deals with Cuban schools.

Leaders at Florida International University are making long-term plans to open at least one campus in Cuba. Under previous travel rules, some colleges had gained permission to launch academic trips to Cuba, but college officials said the process was riddled with bureaucratic barriers. Even those who went through the lengthy application process often were denied.

But the U.S. eased those rules this year. Tourism is still forbidden, but the new rules make it easier to travel

for educational purposes. Those changes have stirred a "gold rush mentality" to form new academic ties, said Bruce Magid, dean of the Brandeis International Business School in Waltham, Massachusetts. "I think it's going to be significantly easier to plan trips," said Magid, who has led several visits to Cuba in recent years. The wave of academic interest in Cuba covers a wide range of fields, from architecture to agriculture. But business schools in particular have been quick to build ties with the island, both to study its evolving economy and to explore it as a potential business frontier if the U.S. lifts its trade embargo.

"A lot of my students, they want to go to Cuba not just because they can learn about this fascinating place, but they also see themselves potentially in the very near future doing business over there," said Guillen, who has led stu-



Cuban students exit Marta Abreu Central University in Santa Clara, Cuba. Since the U.S. eased travel restrictions in 2015, several colleges have struck agreements with Cuban schools to create exchange programs for students and faculty. More American colleges are planning study trips to Cuba. Both sides are exploring research collaborations.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

dent trips to Cuba.

For many U.S. colleges, Cuba also represents a largely untapped pool of future students.

There are still obstacles, but admissions offices already

are drafting plans to recruit students from Cuba, just like they do from Europe or South America.

The Educational Testing Service, which administers the GRE graduate school

entry exam in the U.S., recently announced that it will begin testing in Cuba.

"Cuba has probably the highest educational standards in all of Latin America," Guillen said. □

Wildfires rage throughout western Canada

PRINCE ALBERT, Saskatchewan (AP) — Wildfires in Saskatchewan burned out of control Friday, with one blaze more than five times the size of Saskatoon, the province's largest city, officials said. Fires continued to burn throughout western Canada.

Steve Roberts, an official with Saskatchewan's Wildfire Management Branch, said about 1,300 people were battling the fires, including soldiers and firefighting crews from across Canada.

Data posted on the Ca-

nadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre said wildfires have burned almost 2.4 million acres (one million hectares) in Saskatchewan so far this year.

Fires also raged in British Columbia and Alberta, triggering evacuations, and air advisories have been issued across central and western Canada, as well as parts of the western U.S. due to the thick smoke billowing over the Pacific region. One of the hardest hit parts of Saskatchewan, Montreal Lake north of Prince Albert, is home to

about 1,800 residents, most of whom have been evacuated. About 200 Canadian soldiers pushed through the bush trying to keep the area safe from the flames.

Trisha Halkett, 20, sat on a bench outside a Prince Albert hotel, her 2-year-old daughter and husband by her side. She said she hopes she will be able to return to her home by the time her second baby is born next month.

"I certainly hope so," she said, patting her stomach. Kim Weir, a Parks Canada spokeswoman, said a wild-

fire burning in Jasper National Park has grown substantially, forcing campers and other visitors out of the area. The popular park remains open, but with a ban on campfires.

Officials said there might be a bit of relief in store for firefighters in British Columbia, with showers and cooler weather forecast. Environment Canada is forecasting lower temperatures and possible rain in Williams Lake, Pemberton and Nelson, all areas where fires have been devouring forests. □

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Greece's Tsipras tries to rally support for austerity deal

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece's prime minister acknowledged Friday the reforms his government has proposed in return for a third bailout are harsh and include measures far from his party's election pledges, but insisted they were Greece's best chance to emerge from its financial crisis.

In a speech delivered after midnight and with strong personal overtones, Alexis Tsipras sought to persuade lawmakers, including dissenters within his own left-wing Syriza party, to back the proposals and grant his finance minister the authorization to use them as a basis for negotiations with creditors over the weekend.

A vote was expected at about 3 a.m. Saturday. Tsipras said his government had made mistakes during his six-month tenure but said he had negotiated as hard as he could.

"There is no doubt that for six months now we've been in a war," he said, adding that his government had fought "difficult battles" and had lost some of them.



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras gestures during a parliament meeting in Athens, Saturday, June 11, 2015. Lawmakers have been summoned to emergency sessions in parliament after Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras sought authorization to negotiate a new bailout deal with European creditors.

"Now I have the feeling we've reached the demarcated line. From here on there is a minefield, and I don't have the right to dismiss this or hide it from the Greek people," he said. But he insisted the latest proposal contains measures that would help the economy and, if approved by Greece's creditors, would unlock sufficient financing for the country to emerge from its protracted

crisis and see its massive debt tackled.

The proposed measures, including tax hikes and cuts in pension spending, are certain to inflict more pain on a Greek public who just days ago voted overwhelmingly against a similar plan.

But the new proposal, if approved by Greece's international creditors, will provide longer-term financial support for a nation that

has endured six years of recession.

If approved, Greece would in turn get a three-year loan package worth nearly \$60 billion (53.5 billion euros) as well as some form of debt relief. That is far more than the 7.2 billion euros left over from Greece's previous bailout that had been at stake in the country's five-month negotiations until last month.

Defense Minister Panos

Kammenos, who heads the government's junior coalition member Independent Greeks, said he was advocating a vote in favor of the proposal even though it goes against his party's principles. The party holds 13 seats in the 300-member parliament.

"I want to state clearly, I am not afraid of Grexit," he said, referring to the possibility of Greece leaving the euro. "I am afraid of one thing: national division and civil war."

He said he feared failure to get a deal with creditors would eventually lead to civil strife.

Greece's latest proposal was sent to rescue creditors who were to meet this weekend to decide whether to approve it. The country has relied on bailout funding since losing access to financing from bond markets in 2010.

The new measures overturn many of the election promises of Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party, which had vowed to overturn bailout austerity, and come less than a week after 61 percent of voters opposed similar reforms, proposed by creditors, in last Sunday's referendum. □

India, Pakistan to join security group led by Russia, China

UFA, Russia (AP) — President Vladimir Putin announced Friday that India and Pakistan will join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a group dominated by Russia and China and also including former Soviet republics in Central Asia.

Russia sees the organization, expanding for the first time since its creation in 2001, as a counterweight to Western alliances.

Membership in the group potentially offers India greater access to the energy resources of Central Asia.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has combined his attendance at the summit in Russia with visits to SCO members Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Putin opened the annual summit by announcing the acceptance of India and

Pakistan as members. He said Belarus would obtain observer status, joining Afghanistan, Iran and Mongolia, while Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia and Nepal would be welcomed as "dialogue partners."

The SCO leaders expressed hope that Iran also would soon become a member, but said Tehran first needed to reach an international agreement on curbing its nuclear program, Russian

news agencies reported.

Putin said some of the greatest security threats facing the region emanated from Afghanistan, noting the increased activity of the Islamic State group. He said the leaders agreed to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation and to work together to fight drug trafficking from Afghanistan.

The Russian president also talked about plans to

deepen economic and trade ties.

"It is obvious that together we can more effectively resist crisis events in the world economy and finance, more easily overcome restrictions and barriers of various kinds," Putin said.

"We think the development of cooperation in production of food, transport, energy and financial security is important." □



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Bosnians preparing to mark 20 years of Srebrenica disaster

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Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Foreign dignitaries were starting to arrive in Bosnia on Friday to mark the 20th anniversary of Europe's worst massacre since World War II and attend the funeral of 136 newly found victims.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and Jordan's Queen Noor were among early arrivals, and former U.S. President Bill Clinton was expected later in the day. Foreign Affairs chief Federica Mogherini is planned to represent the European Union at Saturday's commemorations.

Some 50,000 people are expected to attend ceremonies mourning the 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed in the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica, which had been declared a safe haven for civilians by the United Nations.

The event includes a funeral for 136 recently found victims identified through DNA analysis.

On July 11, 1995, Serb troops overran the Muslim enclave.

Some 15,000 men tried to flee through the woods toward government-held territory while others joined the town's women and children in seeking refuge at the base of the Dutch U.N. troops who were deployed to protect the town.

But the United Nations did nothing to stop the fall of Srebrenica and the outnumbered and outgunned Dutch troops could only watch as Serb soldiers separated about 2,000 men from women for killing and later hunted down and killed another 6,000 men in the woods. □

French jihadi network chief sentenced to 9 years in prison

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The chief of a dismantled French radical network was sentenced Friday to nine years in prison for recruiting for jihad, plotting attacks against Jewish targets and praising terrorism. The relatively severe verdict comes as France is trying to prevent extremist violence by angry, marginalized Muslims.

A Paris court convicted Mohamed Achamlane, self-proclaimed "emir" of the Forsane Alizza (Knights of Pride) group, of terrorism charges. The French citizen was accused of plotting attacks, including targeting kosher markets and other Jewish businesses in Paris, abducting and torturing a Jewish judge in Lyon and threatening France, according to court documents.

Thirteen others, who like Achamlane were convicted of criminal association with a terrorist enterprise, were sentenced to up to six years in prison — except for the lone female defendant who got a suspended 12-month sentence.

The verdict came six



Mohammed Achamlane, left, leader of Forsane Alizza (Knights of Pride), an Islamic radical group which was outlawed in 2012, speaks to the media in Nantes, western France. The chief of a dismantled French radical network who wanted to "scar" France has been sentenced to nine years in prison for recruiting for jihad, plotting attacks at home and praising terrorism, Friday July 10, 2015 in Paris.

(AP Photo/Laetitia Notarianni)

months after attacks on a kosher supermarket and satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo, which left 20 people dead including the three radical Muslim gunmen. It also came two weeks after the beheading of a businessman in east-

ern France that authorities have blamed on a former delivery driver, Yassin Salhi, who allegedly had links to Forsane Alizza. During the trial, Achamlane, 37, said he created Forsane Alizza in 2010 to counter growing anti-Muslim feelings

in France and claimed a desire to "channel the energy" of young Muslims and lead them away from violence. Achamlane, 37, testified that he favored an "uninhibited" Islam but denied any violent intent or "terrorist inspiration." □

2 killed in German shootings, suspect captured

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A 47-year-old German gunman shot and killed two people and injured another in a rampage Friday in the southern state of Bavaria before being overpowered by two gas station mechanics, authorities said.

Officials said the victims appeared to have been chosen randomly by the suspect, who spoke "incoherently" after his arrest.

"At the moment there are

no indications of any immediate relationships between the culprit and the victims," said Bavaria's interior minister, Joachim Herrmann, calling it an "ugly, incomprehensible crime."

Police were alerted at 10 a.m. that a middle-aged man driving a silver Mercedes had opened fire on a woman in the town of Tiefenthal, 50 kilometers (31 miles) west of Nuremberg. The 82-year-old woman died at the scene.

Shortly afterward, police

say the gunman fatally shot a 72-year-old man riding a bicycle in the nearby town of Rammersdorf. A driver who was threatened by the suspect gave details of the man's car to police.

The suspect then fired at a farmer driving a tractor, who was slightly injured by flying glass, and drove to a gas station in Bad Windsheim, 35 kilometers (20 miles) from the scene of the shootings.

"Shortly before noon, police were informed that

staff at an Esso gas station in Bad Windsheim had overpowered the man after he threatened them with a weapon," said Herrmann. "It's thanks to the brave intervention of the gas station staff that the suspect was stopped." Prosecutors said the suspect, a local man identified only as Bernd G. in line with German privacy rules, showed signs of psychological problems and was being assessed by a psychiatrist. □

Iraqi troops, militias repel IS attack on town in Anbar

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi troops and Shiite militiamen repelled an attack by the Islamic State group in western Anbar province on Friday but 10 Iraqi soldiers died in the fighting, along with at least 12 militants, officials said.

The militants attacked the government-held town of Khalidiyah by unleashing mortar shells and five suicide car bombers, according to Anbar councilman Athal al-Fahdawi.

After an hours-long battle, the Sunni militants pulled back, leaving behind 12 dead fighters. Some were hiding in houses in nearby Abu Flais village, al-Fahdawi added.

Police and army officers, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, said at least 10 soldiers were killed. However, the Islamic State

group's Radio al-Bayan claimed that IS militants had seized positions in the Khalidiyah area after attacking Iraqi troops and Shiite militias with car bombs.

Iraqi forces, backed by Shiite militias, have been struggling to recapture areas lost to IS in the country's west and north.

In May, the militant group scored a stunning victory when it overran Ramadi in Anbar province, capturing large amounts of ammunition and armored vehicles from fleeing Iraqi government troops.

Also Friday, a representative for Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, urged countries in the region to take "decisive measures" to stop the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq.

"The continuation of the policy of carelessness and giving a blind eye on the flow of these fighters to Iraq



Iraqi security forces display a flag of the Islamic State group and weapons and ammunition confiscated after regaining control of during operations over the last week, from towns of al-Karma and Saqlawiyah near Fallujah, at al-Taji Camp north of Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, July 10, 2015. (AP Photo/ Karim Kadim)

will increase the danger of these gangs to Iraq and they will represent a threat to their countries," said al-Sistani's aide, Abdul-Mahdi

al-Karbalei, relaying the ayatollah's message during a Friday sermon in the city of Karbala.

Foreign fighters have been streaming into Syria and Iraq by the thousands to join IS and other extremist groups. In neighboring Syria's northeastern city of Hassakeh, intense clashes erupted between IS fighters

and Syrian troops, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Syrian state TV. Syria's state news agency, SANA, said a fire broke out at a government building in Hassakeh after it was hit with a mortar round fired by the IS fighters. It had no immediate word on casualties. □



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Tunisian forces kill 5 alleged extremists in security sweep

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TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia's security forces led a counterterrorism sweep in a mountainous central region Friday and killed five suspected extremists even as Western governments were calling their nationals home from a country they deem unsafe.

Tunisian Interior Ministry spokesman Walid Louguini told The Associated Press that a gunfight erupted Friday morning as a special national guard unit chased eight suspected extremists in the Ouled Bouomrane area. He said the operation was ongoing.

The army and national guard operation came a day after Britain's government urged all U.K. tourists to leave Tunisia be-

cause an extremist attack is "highly likely," saying the North African country hasn't done enough to enhance security.

Thirty British tourists were among 38 victims killed by an Islamic extremist at a beach resort in coastal Sousse on June 26.

Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Essid, speaking in a parliamentary debate, said his government "did everything in our power to protect (British) citizens and their interests, as well as those of all other countries." The government has carried out 7,000 security operations since the museum killing, arresting 1,000 people and stopping 15,000 young people from traveling to fight jihad abroad, Essid said, and was working to remedy "shortcomings." □



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Netanyahu vows to bring back Israelis held captive in Gaza

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged on Friday to bring back home two Israeli citizens held captive in Gaza as he visited the family of one of the men.

Netanyahu's remarks came a day after Israel's stunning announcement that two men — Avraham Mengistu, an Israeli of Ethiopian descent, and a Bedouin from Israel's Arab minority whose identity is still under a gag order — are being held captive in the Gaza Strip.

Earlier Friday, the families complained to Israeli media over their treatment by government officials, saying their anguish is being

ignored.

Netanyahu said Israel is doing everything it can to bring both men home. He met with the Mengistu family in the south of the country on Friday afternoon.

"We face a very cruel and cynical enemy that denies the most basic humanitarian duty of returning innocent civilians home to their country," he said. "We will not relent and will do everything necessary to bring these citizens home."

According to COGAT, the defense body that handles civilian issues with the Palestinians, Mengistu disappeared after he "independently" crossed the border fence and entered Gaza on Sept. 7, two weeks after the end of last summer's war between the Islamic



Relatives of Ethiopian-Israeli Avraham Mengistu, 28, hold a press conference in the coastal city of Ashkelon, Israel. An Israeli security official said Thursday the Hamas militant group has been holding Mengistu in the Gaza Strip for nearly a year.

(AP Photo/Tsafrir Abayov)

militant group Hamas and Israel.

Israeli media reported he had been distraught at the time of his disappearance. The second man is a Bedouin Arab citizen from

southern Israel. Israeli officials have refused to identify him or say how long he had been in Gaza or how he got there. They also would not say which group had him in custody.

The case was only allowed to be made public on Thursday — months after the two disappeared — while a gag order is still in place on some of the details surrounding the two men. Thousands of Ethiopian Jews live in Israel, many of them secretly airlifted into the country in 1984 and 1990, but their absorption into Israeli society has been difficult. Although they are Jewish, Ethiopian community members complain of discrimination and police harassment.

Bedouins make up a small group within Israel's Arab minority, numbering about 180,000. Some live in organized townships while others still reside in desert tents to stay closer to their nomadic traditions. □

In Yemen, airstrikes and fighting halt as truce begins to allow aid

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Saudi-led airstrikes and fighting largely came to a halt in Yemeni cities early Friday as a U.N.-negotiated truce began, aiming to end more than three months of violence and allow in desperately needed humanitarian aid.

Witnesses and officials said the truce was holding in the capital, Sanaa, as well as the country's second major city, Aden, and other cities. There were reports of minor fighting in the northern part of Aden.

The pause announced Thursday by the United Nations is meant to last until the end of the holy month of Ramadan next week. The U.N. has warned that the Arab world's poorest country is "one step" from famine.

In Aden, officials said con-

voy of aid were lined up outside the city to be allowed in, but none had moved amid the reports of limited fighting.

More than 3,000 people have been killed since March, when the Saudi-led, U.S.-backed coalition began airstrikes against the Houthi rebels who have seized control of the capital and other cities since September. The airstrikes continued until shortly before the truce took effect. The coalition has also imposed a near-complete air and sea blockade in Yemen during the fighting. The rebels want the blockade lifted completely.

Houthi rebel officials said they are committed to the truce. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they waited to see whether the other side, Yemen's exiled government, will also commit. □



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Venezuela to ask UN to mediate Guyana border dispute

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela said Friday it would ask the United Nations to help resolve a border dispute with Guyana over an area where a new oil discovery has been made.

The country will send a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon requesting that a formal mediator be appointed, according to Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez.

Venezuela long has claimed a significant chunk

of Guyana, including an offshore area where the Exxon Mobil Corp. recently announced it made a significant oil discovery. Venezuela, which has the world's largest oil reserves, issued a decree soon after that announcement extending its territorial claims farther out into the Atlantic to encompass the area where the discovery was made. Earlier this week, Maduro announced he was recalling Venezuela's ambassador for consultation amid

the mounting tensions. The Guyanese finance minister said Thursday that Venezuela has decided to stop buying much of Guyana's rice crop amid the conflict. Venezuela has in the past four years purchased about 40 percent of Guyana's rice production, or about 200,000 tons, paying for it with oil that amounts to about half of Guyana's daily supply needs. Peter DeGroot, president of Guyana's Rice Millers Association, characterized the

shift as a "significant blow." President David Granger told Parliament on Thursday that Guyana does not have the military capacity to challenge Venezuela and his government would seek an international judicial settlement over the border issue. Maduro responded later that night that he was encouraged by Granger's remarks.

On Monday, Maduro affirmed that the conflict would be settled without violence. The dispute be-

tween the two South American countries stems from an 1899 court ruling that required Venezuela to relinquish an undeveloped but resource-rich jungle territory called the Essequibo that constitutes about two-thirds of Guyanese territory. Venezuela contends the ruling was invalid, and many official maps still describe the Essequibo as Venezuelan territory. Guyana says Venezuela pledged to abide by the ruling, but later reneged. □

Pope offers hope to prisoners in Bolivia's notorious prison

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Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia (AP)

— Pope Francis urged inmates at Bolivia's notoriously violent Palmasola prison to not despair on Friday as he wrapped up his visit to Bolivia with a message of hope and solidarity for those caught up in Bolivia's corruption-plagued criminal justice system.

Francis greeted the inmates one by one, clasping their hands and kissing their children, and then listened intently as a few prisoners told the stories of how they ended up at Palmasola. They spoke of their poverty and the "judicial terrorism" and abuse of power that lets the wealthy bribe their way to freedom while the poor languish in prison.

In his comments, Francis acknowledged the wretched conditions that the inmates face: overcrowding, the slow pace of justice, violence and few opportunities for education or rehabilitation. He said Bolivian institutions need to address

those ills. But he urged the inmates not to despair and to not let their suffering lead to

but we also have the capacity to make things an opportunity for genuine fraternity," he said. "Don't be

Francis also urged prison officials and guards to rehabilitate prisoners and not humiliate them.



Bolivia's President Evo Morales escorts Pope Francis as the pope prepares to depart Viru Viru airport in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Friday, July 10, 2015. The pope is departing for Paraguay as part of his three-nation South American tour.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

violence. "Suffering and deprivation can make us selfish of heart and lead to confrontation,

afraid to help one another. The devil is looking for rivalry, division, gangs. Keep working to make progress."

Palmasola is the most notorious of Bolivia's 32 prisons, built to detain some 800 people but housing 5,000,

more than four in five still awaiting trial. Inmates have the run of the place, drugs are cheaper than on the street and money buys survival.

Two years ago, 36 people died in a fierce battle between rival gangs using machetes and homemade flamethrowers. One of the victims was a 1-year-old.

Francis has frequently spoken out about the plight of prisoners, denouncing the widespread abuse of pre-trial detention and calling life sentences a "hidden death penalty."

"He has met with prisoners to offer them encouragement, and as pope continued to call a group of Argentine inmates he ministered to when he was archbishop of Buenos Aires. The message is consistent with the outreach to the down-trodden and marginalized that Francis has championed as pope and in particular on his three-nation South American pilgrimage.

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Gunmen kill 5 members of a family near Mexican border city

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Gunmen believed to belong to a local drug cartel killed five members of a family near the Mexican border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas, authorities said earlier this week.

The assailants arrived at the family's home and forced the inhabitants outside, then killed a grandfa-

ther, his son and three of his grandchildren, aged 10 to 19, Tamaulipas state's government said.

The killings took place late Wednesday.

The gunmen reportedly questioned the family about a rival gang, and then shot them to death and ransacked the home on a road between Reyno-

sa and the neighboring city of Matamoros.

Earlier Thursday, journalist Pedro Ferriz said he was robbed at gunpoint while webcasting from his car in Mexico City.

Ferriz, best known for his radio programs, kept recording and taped part of his own robbery.

Ferriz was speaking into a

cellphone app when he was robbed of his watch and phone by an assailant with a pistol.

In the video, which was posted on local websites, Ferriz is seen taping himself when suddenly a scuffle ensues.

He can be heard saying, "I'm on air!"

The assault occurred on a

street in an upscale neighborhood just blocks from the presidential residence. The robbery drew attention to Mexico City's problem with persistent crime, despite the fact the capital has been largely spared the large-scale drug cartel violence affecting some regions of the country. □

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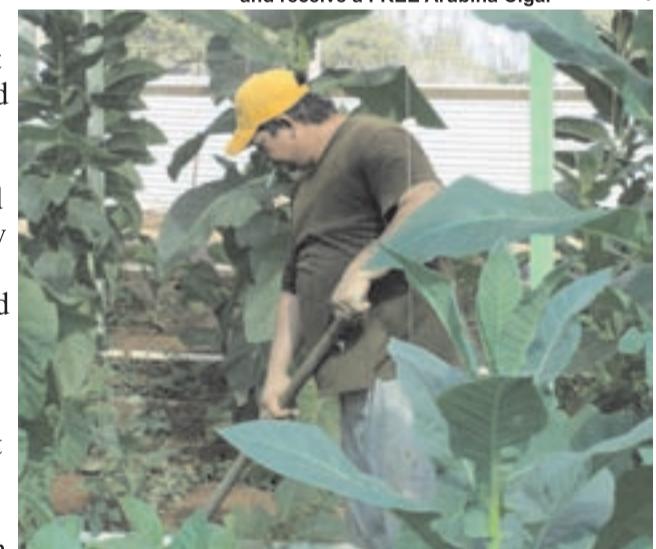
Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi's dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with

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Nicaulis Alliey, much admired in Aruba, honored by University of Nebraska

ORANJESTAD - The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska recently presented the Glenn Korff Distinguished Graduate Artist/Scholar Award to Nicaulis Alliey, the Venezuelan flutist who has many admirers in Aruba. This award, the most prestigious given to students, is presented annually to the graduate student who has distinguished himself artistically as well as academically. Nicaulis is a graduate student on her second year towards her Doctor of Musical Arts and has performed in Aruba on many occasions.

Nicaulis' first performance in Aruba was with Armand Simon in 2006 during the Aruba Piano Festival. After that she performed several times accompanied by Armand and others, including Simon Golfo, the Venezuelan violinist who recently organized the first Nuevo Mundo Music Festival and

Academy in Aruba. Elsewhere, Nicaulis has performed in recitals with Alessio Bax, Monique Duphil, Alain Marion, Alan Weiss, Luis Quintero, and in popular productions with some of the most prominent Venezuelan musicians.

Nicaulis Alliey has performed at the UNESCO Hall and the Grande Salle de la Sorbonne (France); Universidad Nacional (Colombia) and other prestigious halls in Venezuela, France, Colombia, and the Caribbean. As soloist, Nicaulis has performed with the Orquesta Filarmónica Nacional de Venezuela, and most other major symphonic orchestras of Venezuela and with conductors Helmut Rilling, Eduardo Rahn, José Luis Castillo, Arnaud Pairier, Eduardo Marturet and Rodolfo Saglimbeni. She also has been Flute Solo at the Orchestre International de Paris (1994-1995), Assistant Flute at the Orquesta Sinfónica de Lara (1996-1998), Flute Solo at the Orquesta Sinfónica de Maracaibo (1998-2010). As flutist of La Cuadra Venezolana (since 1998), she has recorded on their two CDs.

Nicaulis endeared herself to the Aruban community in 2012 when she gratu-



fónica de Lara (1996-1998), Flute Solo at the Orquesta Sinfónica de Maracaibo (1998-2010). As flutist of La Cuadra Venezolana (since 1998), she has recorded on their two CDs. Nicaulis Alliey holds a Maîtrise en Musique at the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne

(1995), Etudes Supérieures de Flute (1994) in Flute with M. Raymond Guiot at Hector Berlioz Conservatory (Paris), and the Degree of Profesor Ejecutante at the Escuela de Música Jose Reyna, in Caracas.

Since 2004 Nicaulis has developed a pedagogical career in flute in Venezuela: Universidad de Los Andes (Faculty), Universidad Nacional Experimental del Táchira, and at the Music School of the Universidad del Zulia (Faculty), where she was appointed Founder Director (2005-2009). Her academic work has won her the Rafael Rincón González Award 2011, offered by the Universidad del Zulia. We hope she will be on the team of Masters in next year's Nuevo Mundo Music Festival and Academy. We congratulate Nicaulis Alliey with the Glenn Korff Distinguished Graduate Artist/Scholar Award and wish her continued success in her studies. □

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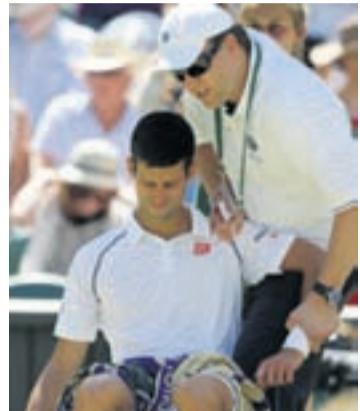
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Novak Djokovic of Serbia receives treatment during a break at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday July 10, 2015.

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Federer beats Murray in 3 sets to reach 10th Wimbledon final

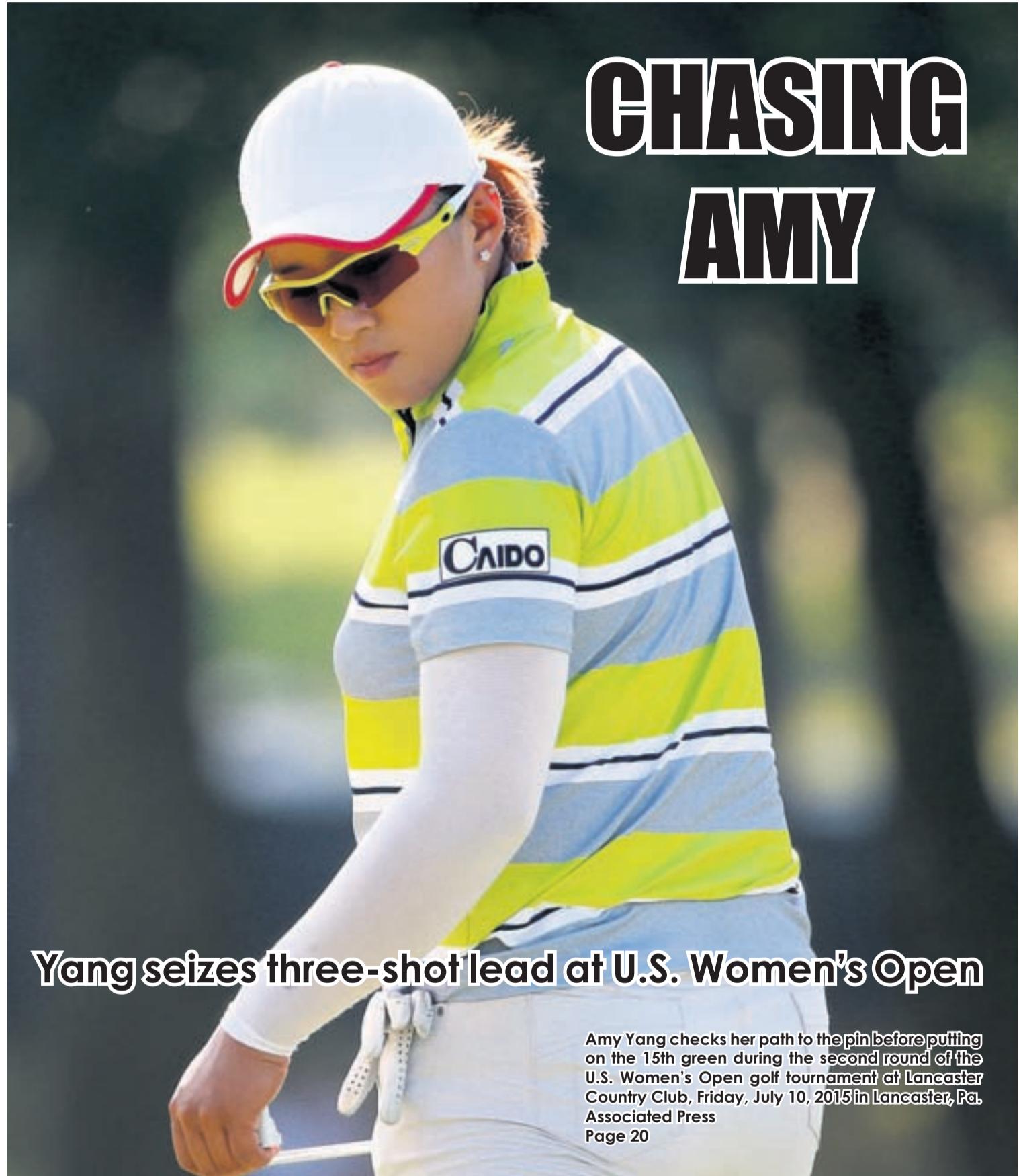
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AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Playing the kind of untouchable tennis that has brought him 17 Grand Slam titles, Roger Federer beat Andy Murray in straight sets Friday to reach his 10th Wimbledon final and put him within one victory of a record eighth championship at the All England Club.

Riding a dominant serve that produced 20 aces, keeping relentless pressure on Murray with his returns and breaking at the end of each set, Federer put on a supreme grass-court performance to outclass his British rival 7-5, 7-5, 6-4.

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CHASING AMY



Yang seizes three-shot lead at U.S. Women's Open

Amy Yang checks her path to the pin before putting on the 15th green during the second round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club, Friday, July 10, 2015 in Lancaster, Pa.

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Marlins' Fernandez stifles Reds, now 14-0 at home

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MIAMI (AP) — Jose Fernandez pitched seven innings and tied the modern record for most consecutive home victories by a starter to begin a career, helping the Miami Marlins beat the Cincinnati Reds 2-0 Thursday.

Fernandez won for the second time in two outings since his return from Tommy John surgery. He allowed six hits, struck out nine and improved to 14-0 in 22 career starts at Marlins Park.

The only other pitcher since 1914 to win his first 14 home decisions as a starter was Johnny Allen of the Yankees in 1932-33, according to STATS. Fernandez lowered his ERA at home to 1.17. All-Star Dee Gordon stole three bases, scored both runs and broke the Marlins record for hits before the All-Star break with 119. Miami snapped a four-game losing streak.



Miami Marlins starting pitcher Jose Fernandez winds up during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Thursday, July 9, 2015, in Miami.

Michael Lorenzen (3-4) went six innings and allowed two runs — too many against Fernandez.

DODGERS 6, PHILLIES 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zack Greinke allowed one hit in eight innings, extending his career-high scoreless streak to 35 2-3 innings and lowering his major league-

best ERA to 1.39 in the victory over the Phillies.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer and Yasiel Puig ended an RBI drought of 51 at-bats with a two-run homer and two-run double for the NL West leaders.

Greinke (8-2) struck out eight, walked none and retired his final 21 batters af-

ter giving up a leadoff single in the second by Ryan Howard.

Greinke hasn't allowed a run since June 13 at San Diego.

Rookie right-hander Severino Gonzalez (3-3) gave up four runs and five hits through 5 2-3 innings in his seventh major league start.

CARDINALS 4, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Carlos Martinez made his case for inclusion on the National League All-Star team by pitching 7 1-3 scoreless innings, and the Cardinals beat the Pirates in a matchup between the teams with the best records in the major leagues.

Martinez (10-3) scattered four hits while striking out five and walking three in improving to 7-1 with a 1.20 ERA in his last 10 starts.

The right-hander is one of the five players contending for the NL's All-Star Final Vote. Fan voting ends Friday afternoon and the

game will be played Tuesday at Cincinnati.

St. Louis (56-31) opened a 5 1/2-game lead on the Pirates in the NL Central. Pittsburgh (50-35) had its five-game winning streak snapped.

The Cardinals did their scoring in the fifth inning on two-run singles by Matt Carpenter — with one out — and Yadier Molina and out later. Both hits were off Jeff Locke (5-5).

ROCKIES 5, BRAVES 3

DENVER (AP) — Carlos Gonzalez hit three doubles, Nolan Arenado had three hits for the second consecutive night and Colorado beat Atlanta at rain-soaked Coors Field.

Troy Tulowitzki singled to extend his hitting streak to 21 games — longest in the majors this season — for the Rockies, who dealt with yet another weather delay at home.

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"I played so well on the biggest occasion today, and that's probably why I got it," Federer said. "Definitely one of the best matches I've played in my

Federer. "He's the greatest ever. There's not enough praises for what he does. This is where he loves to play. This is where he plays his best tennis. The Centre Court of Wimbledon, seven titles. It's his court."

Djokovic was twice treated by a trainer on his left shoulder near the end of

final and the Briton won in straight sets a few weeks later on Centre Court in the Olympic final.

"I don't know if it's the best I've played in a loss or not," Murray said Friday. "It's tough to know just now. But I definitely don't feel like I played a bad match."

If anyone thought the

pace and hit the lines with well-placed deliveries. At the same time, he flicked back Murray's 130 mph deliveries with quick reflex returns to keep his opponent guessing. When Murray put in second serves in the 80s, Federer stepped in and knocked off return winners.

to 35 and 17 for Murray. The match featured a thrilling, 15-minute game near the end of the second set with Murray serving at 5-4 down. Murray fell behind love-40, but saved a total of five set points as the game went to deuce seven times and included furious corner-to-corner rallies. Murray finally held with a 129 mph ace.

But Federer held in the next game and then broke for the set. □



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a shot to Andy Murray of Britain, during their men's singles semifinal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday July 10, 2015.

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career."

The win sent Federer into his 26th Grand Slam final, where he will face defending champion Novak Djokovic in Sunday's championship match. The top-ranked Serb beat Richard Gasquet 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4 to advance to his fourth final in five years.

It will be a repeat of last year's final, won by Djokovic in five sets.

"Novak's been the best player for a few years now," Federer said. "He's made it extremely difficult for the guys to win big tournaments.... I know how I can beat him, but this is a different occasion. We've been both been there before. I really hope I can get this one on Sunday."

Federer has a 20-19 career record against Djokovic, who is going for his third Wimbledon and ninth Grand Slam title.

"We all know how good he is," Djokovic said of

the second set against Gasquet. He said he woke up with a stiff shoulder but said the ailment is not serious.

"It'll be fine for the next match," he said.

Federer, who ran his record in Wimbledon semifinals to 10-0, is the oldest man to reach the final since Ken Rosewall finished runner-up in 1974 at the age of 39. If he can beat Djokovic, Federer will become first man to win eight Wimbledon titles. In 2012, he tied Pete Sampras and 1880s player William Renshaw with seven.

"I need to keep it up for one more match to really make it the perfect couple of weeks," Federer said.

Federer extended his career record against Murray to 13-11, including 5-1 in Grand Slams.

This was the first time they've met here since 2012, when Federer beat Murray in the Wimbledon

33-year-old Federer was past his prime, this match against Murray dispelled any of those thoughts. The second-seeded Swiss served as well as he ever has, saving one break point in the opening game of the match and never facing another the rest of the way against one of the best returners in the game. Federer won 70 of 91 points on serve and, after the first game, was taken to deuce only once on serve.

"Definitely it was one of my best serving days of my career," said Federer, who has been broken only once, by Gilles Simon in the quarterfinals, ending a streak of 116 service holds in a row going back to the warm-up tournament in Halle, Germany.

"That's definitely the best he served against me," Murray said. Federer smacked untouchable serves of 125 mph, but also took off

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Amy Yang goes on birdie run, takes lead at U.S. Women's Open

BOB LENTZ

Associated Press

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) —

Amy Yang rolled in four consecutive birdies in a round of 4-under 66 Friday for a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the U.S. Women's Open.

While the bulk of the field tried to solve the sloping greens at Lancaster Country Club, Yang charged into the lead on her inward nine with birdies on the 11th, 12th, 13th. She hit her approach to within a foot on No. 14 and punctuated the run. The 25-year-old South Korean was at 7-under 133. "I just enjoy it out here," Yang said. "And I know the golf courses are very tough; I just enjoy the tough condition of the golf courses."

Stacy Lewis, last year's runner-up, and Japan's Shiro Oyama were tied for second at 4-under 136. Lewis birdied four of eight holes in the middle of her round, but bogeyed her last and settled for a 3-under 67. Oyama had an opening 70 and was 2 over early in her second round before rallying. She made six birdies in a 12-hole stretch, including



Amy Yang lines up a putt on the 14th hole during the second round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club, Friday, July 10, 2015 in Lancaster, Pa.

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four on her second nine, on the way to a 4-under 66.

Yang has had her share of success on the LPGA Tour, earning a pair of victories since turning pro in 2006. But some of her finest golf has been played in the U.S. Open, where she has finished in the top 10 four

times in the last five years. She tied for fifth in 2010 U.S. Open, shared 10th place the following year and placed second in 2012. Last year at Pinehurst No. 2, she was third after 36 holes and first after 54 before closing with a 74 and finishing fourth.

She was paired with eventual winner Michelle Wie in the final round at Pinehurst and believes that experience can only help over the final two rounds. Lewis' patience was tested early in the first round as she struggled with four bogeys and two birdies

before breaking out of her funk. That carried over into the second round and she went on a tear that propelled her to near the top of the leaderboard — again — in the biggest event in women's golf.

"I just started playing golf, is really what it was," Lewis said. "I was thinking a lot those first 10, 11 holes, thinking a lot about my golf swing and just not playing. So I got to just playing golf ... and it's what you're seeing in the scores." Marina Alex, part of a three-way tie for the lead after one round, carded a 1-over 71 and was next at 3-under 137. Karrie Webb, also first round co-leader, had a 2-over 72 and was in a large group at 2-under 138. That group includes top-ranked and two-time champion Inbee Park (70), first-round co-leader Jane Park (72) and Michelle Pressel (70).

Inbee Park and Jane Park were two of the 55 players forced to finish their first rounds early Friday after play was suspended late Thursday when a powerful storm pounded Lancaster Country Club. □

Feels like home in San Antonio to LaMarcus Aldridge

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs pitch to LaMarcus Aldridge was simple and effective.

The Spurs were not going to dazzle Aldridge with glitz and glamour and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich certainly wasn't going to sweet talk the 6-foot-11 forward, even if he was one of the biggest prizes in free agency. No, the Spurs showed Aldridge he could be comfortable in the selfless culture the five-time NBA champions have created under Popovich. The simplicity worked.

Aldridge opted to leave the Portland Trail Blazers, his home for the first nine years of his career, and sign a four-year contract worth \$84.1 million with the Spurs. "I'm excited to be here," Aldridge said Friday morning in his introductory press

conference. "I've always felt like this was home."

A Dallas native who went to Texas up the road in Austin, Aldridge has always felt that way about San Antonio, but his comfort extends beyond locale. He is already comfortable enough to call Tim Duncan old and joke about Popovich's perceived lack of a bedside manner.

"It's not like we made something up or came up with a new magic pill, it's being who we are," Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said of the team's meetings last week with Aldridge. "It's Pop and the relationships with all of our players and them feeling empowered to express that. We can't be something we're not."

It was enough to make Aldridge choose the Spurs over the Trail Blazers, Los Angeles Lakers, Houston



LaMarcus Aldridge, right, poses with San Antonio Spurs general manager R.C. Buford, left, and his new jersey during a news conference at the team's practice facility as he is formally introduced after he signed with the San Antonio Spurs NBA basketball team, Friday, July 10, 2015, in San Antonio.

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Rockets, Dallas Mavericks and Phoenix Suns, among others.

Aldridge has averaged 19.4 points and 8.4 rebounds over his career, including 23.4 points and 10.2 rebounds last season for Portland. □

Royals roll past Rays 8-3 to finish off 4-game sweep

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Lorenzo Cain and Salvador Perez hit two-run homers, Yordano Ventura went five innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Royals beat the Rays to finish off a four-game sweep.

Ventura (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits and three walks, striking out four. It was his first start since June 12, when an elbow condition began causing numbness in his hand.

Eric Hosmer, Cheslor Cuthbert and Kendrys Morales also drove in runs off Nathan Karns (4-5).

WHITE SOX 2, BLUE JAYS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Jeff Samardzija had a four-hitter, Melky Cabrera homered and the White Sox shut out the Blue Jays.

Samardzija (6-4) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning for a second straight game. It was his first complete game of the season. He struck out Toronto slugger Jose Bautista to end the 2 hour, 15-minute game and threw 108 pitches.

Toronto's R.A. Dickey (3-10) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings.

The White Sox, who had just five hits, have won eight of 10.

YANKEES 6, ATHLETICS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka allowed two hits over 7 2-3 innings, Brett Gardner hit a first-inning home run and learned midgame he had been picked for his first All-Star team, and the Yankees rallied past the Athletics.

Cole Figueroa doubled twice in his Yankees debut. Jacoby Ellsbury had a tie-breaking, two-run single.

Tanaka (5-3) ended a four-start winless streak, the longest drought of his 1 1/2-year major league career. He set season highs for innings and pitches (114), striking out six and walking one. One of the runs off him was unearned.

Jesse Chavez (4-9) lost for the first time in six appearances against the Yankees, giving up four runs and seven hits in five innings. He is winless in his past three starts. (backslash)

TIGERS 4, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ian



Kansas City Royals' Lorenzo Cain (6) is congratulated by teammates Eric Hosmer (35) and Kendrys Morales (25) after his two-run home run off Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Nathan Karns during the first inning of a baseball game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, July 9, 2015.

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Kinsler had a leadoff homer, a double and three RBIs to back David Price's eight innings as Detroit beat Minnesota.

Price (9-2) struck out eight in his final start before going to the All-Star Game. He allowed five hits and two unearned runs.

Yoenis Cespedes added two hits and an RBI for the Tigers. Joakim Soria earned his 20th save in 22 chances. Mike Pelfrey (5-6) gave up four runs and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings for Minnesota. Torii Hunter had a base hit and an RBI, but the Twins had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Kinsler hit the second pitch of the game into the left-field seats, his 32nd career leadoff homer.

INDIANS 3, ASTROS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie right-hander Cody Anderson pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning against Houston, his latest splendid performance for Cleveland.

Making his fourth major

league start, Anderson (2-1) allowed Hank Conger's leadoff homer in the third but little else in 6 2-3 innings. Anderson has given up three earned runs in 30 1-3 innings for a 0.89 ERA since being called up from Triple-A Columbus on June 21.

Brett Oberholtzer (2-2) took a shutout into the sixth before the Indians scored three times. Touted rookie Francisco Lindor tied the game with a leadoff homer. Ryan Raburn's RBI double put the Indians ahead, and Carlos Santana's triple made it 3-1.

Cody Allen allowed a single and a walk in the ninth, but retired Evan Gattis on a popup for his 18th save. Cleveland took three of four from the AL West leaders.

MARINERS 7, ANGELS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Hernandez threw seven shutout innings to become the third pitcher with at least 11 wins before the All-Star break, Logan Morrison hit

the first leadoff home run of his career and the Mariners beat the Angels.

Seattle opened a key four-game series before the break by cooling off the surging Angels, who had won the first five games of their road trip.

Hernandez (11-5) was dominant, giving up five hits and only once facing trouble in reaching the 11-win mark before the All-

Star Game for the second time in his career.

The Mariners had a season-high 19 hits, 12 off Angels' starter Garrett Richards (9-6), who could not make it through the sixth.

Mike Zunino added two hits and two RBIs, while Robinson Cano, Nelson Cruz and Seth Smith all had RBI singles as Seattle added three runs in the eighth inning. □

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Jace Peterson had two RBIs and Chris Johnson added three hits for the Braves.

A heavy rainstorm came through two pitches into the bottom of the first inning and sent the players and fans scurrying for shelter. The delay lasted 2 hours, 6 minutes, and ended the night early for both starters.

David Hale, the scheduled

starter Friday for Colorado, took over for Kyle Kendrick in the second but exited in the third with a mild left groin strain. Hale (3-4) went 1 2-3 innings to get the win. Jake Brigham (0-1) relieved Braves starter Alex Wood after play resumed, and the Rockies jumped on the rookie with three doubles in the first to take a 2-0 lead.

Drew Stubbs homered and Tulowitzki hit a sacrifice fly in the second. John Axford, Colorado's eighth pitcher, earned his 15th save. □

With data breaches, bad news can show up well down the road

BREE FOWLER

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The revelation that the data breach at the U.S. government's personnel office was actually much worse than the government originally thought is following a familiar script.

That's been the case in many recent high-profile hacking at major U.S. companies. Target, Home Depot and TJX all had to announce additional bad news weeks after going public with their breaches. The Obama administration said Thursday that hackers stole Social Security numbers from more than 21 million people and took other sensitive information when government computer systems were compromised. That's up from the 14 million figure investigators gave The Associated Press last month.

The hacking ultimately prompted the Friday resignation of Office of Personnel Management Director Katherine Archuleta.

Whether it's the government or a major corporation that's been breached, time is of the essence when it comes to informing the people affected, so they can take the steps needed to protect themselves and their personal information. That prompts many hacked entities to go public before all the facts are in.

Meanwhile, inadequate



In this June 25, 2015, file photo, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) director Katherine Archuleta testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

data security measures can make it tough for whoever has been hacked to quickly get a handle on how bad the damage actually is.

As a result, bombshells of bad news such as Thursday's can fall well after the initial dust has settled.

Adam Levin, chairman and founder of the security firm IDT911 Consulting, blamed the "woefully inadequate" state of data security in both government and at major corporations.

"Any organization that has personal identification information needs to know exactly what they have and where they have it," Levin says. "Otherwise, you

may not find out for months that information has been stolen in a breach."

Here's a look at some of the highest-profile breaches in recent years:

HOME DEPOT

Home Depot said in September 2014 that 56 million debit and credit card numbers were compromised in a months-long breach of its computer systems. But about two months later, the nation's largest home improvement chain disclosed that hackers also stole 53 million email addresses in addition to the card data.

TARGET

Target Corp. first announced its massive data

breach in December 2013, saying that 40 million debit and credit cards were affected.

But weeks later, the retailer said that further investigation had revealed that the hackers also took the personal information — including email addresses, phone numbers, names and home addresses — of 70 million people.

TJMAXX

TJX Cos., the parent company of retailers T.J. Maxx and Marshall's, didn't say at first how many people were affected by the data breach it announced in 2007. At first it said the intrusion into its customer data

files took place between May 2006 and January 2007, but it later learned that it also was hacked into in July 2005 and other periods during that year. Ultimately, the breach exposed at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards to possible fraud.

SONY PICTURES

While different than the large retail breaches, the hacking of the computer systems at Sony Pictures also got progressively worse in the weeks following its initial discovery in November 2014. At first, personal information, including emails, Social Security numbers and salary details for nearly 50,000 current and former Sony workers were leaked online. And screeners of unreleased movies were uploaded to the Internet for illegal download.

Thousands of emails involving Sony executives many of them embarrassing, were later released.

The hackers also threatened violence targeting movie theaters that planned to show "The Interview," a comedy about an assassination attempt on the leader of North Korea. While many major theaters canceled showings of the movie, it went on to screen at independent theaters and air digitally. The Obama administration later implicated North Korea in the attack. □

IBM claims breakthrough in making chips even smaller

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM says

it has achieved a breakthrough in making computer chips even smaller, creating a test version of the world's first semiconductor that shrinks down the circuitry by overcoming "one of the grand challenges" of the tech industry.

The microchip industry has consistently created smaller and more powerful semiconductors. However, the more chips shrink the greater the physical and technological hurdles be-

come.

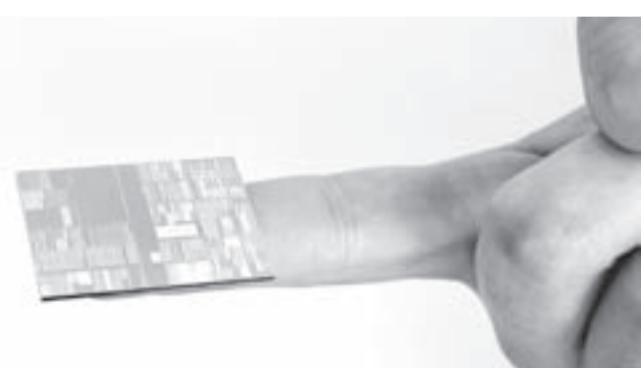
Companies are racing to create smaller, more powerful chips to perform the increasingly complex task that our wired lives demand. At the same time that computer chips have grown more powerful, though, they have also gotten smaller, to the point where you can now hold in your hand a computer many times more powerful than computers that used to fill a room.

Today's servers are pow-

ered by microprocessors that use 22-nanometer or 14-nanometer node chips. IBM, working with a development partners at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, says it's figured out how to create 7 nanometer chips.

To get to the width of a human hair, you'd need roughly 10,000 of them. A strand of human DNA, in comparison is 2.5 nanometers.

The company last year announced a \$3 billion investment over five years to ad-



This July 2, 2015 photo provided by IBM shows a 7 nanometer chip produced at SUNY Poly Colleges of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) in Albany, NY.

Associated Press

vance chip technology to meet the growing demand that cloud computing, big data, mobile products and other new technologies are placing on semiconductors.

The chip is still development and IBM did not say when it expects to put it on the market. IBM will still have to figure out how to manufacture large numbers of the chips cheaply. □

Wall Street surges on Greece hopes

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks logged their best day in two months Friday as Greece appeared to move closer to securing a bailout deal that will enable it to avoid bankruptcy and keep the country in the euro.

Greece and its creditors appeared to be narrowing their differences after Ath-

The Nasdaq composite gained 75.30 points, or 1.5 percent, to 4,997.70.

The gains pushed the S&P 500 back into positive territory for the year.

On Friday, stocks in China jumped before the U.S. market opened. China's Shanghai Composite Index jumped 4.5 percent, paring its losses for the month to 24 percent. The Chinese market is only recovering

to \$41.21. Delta Air Lines jumped \$1.91, or 4.7 percent, to \$42.46.

Investors also followed a speech by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen on Friday.

Speaking in Cleveland, Ohio, Yellen said that the Fed is on track to start raising interest rates later this year, but expressed concerns over headwinds that are still holding back the



Trader Tommy Kalikas, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks logged their best day in two months Friday as Greece appeared to move closer to securing a bailout deal.

ens offered reform proposals in order to secure a third bailout of around 53 billion euros (\$59.5 billion). A final decision could be made on Sunday.

A second day of gains for Chinese stocks also encouraged investors. U.S. stocks had fallen sharply on Wednesday, in part on concern that a monthlong slump in China's stock market could crimp growth in the world's second-largest economy.

"This is a giant collective exhaling," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist at Allianz Global Investors. The Greek deal "is not done, but we're closer than we have been in a while."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 25.31 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,076.62. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 211.79 points, or 1.2 percent, to 17,760.41.

after the government intervened heavily and about half of the companies listed in mainland China suspended trading in their stocks. That's making some investors cautious.

"The policy makers appear to have some success in stabilizing values, but fifty percent of Chinese stocks are not currently trading," said Jim McDonald, chief investment strategist at Northern Trust.

Back in the U.S., airline stocks rallied after American Airlines, the nation's largest carrier, signaled that it was cutting back on its growth plans this year amid signs that average fares are declining. American said it expects to increase passenger-carrying capacity by 1 percent this year, down from an earlier forecast of 2 percent. American Airlines rose \$1.54, or 3.9 percent,

U.S. economy, in particular lingering weakness in the labor market and new potential threats overseas.

David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management, said after the speech that he expected the Fed to lift interest rates in September, provided that Greece reaches a deal with its creditors and there were no major financial crises between now and then.

Investor start focusing on second-quarter earnings next week as the pace of company reporting picks up.

Among the companies reporting are banks, including JPMorgan, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, as well as Delta, Netflix and Intel.

"Earnings will be adequate, we don't expect them to blow out the lights," said Allianz's Hooper. □

Walgreens Boots makes Pessina permanent CEO

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Walgreens Boots Alliance has named Stefano Pessina CEO, making permanent a role the veteran executive has filled since he helped create a drugstore behemoth that may not be done growing.

The 73-year-old Monaco resident led European health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots as executive chairman before engineering a combination with Walgreen Co., which runs the largest drugstore chain in the United States.

That tie-up created one of the world's largest pharmaceutical buyers at a time when other key players in the health care industry also are expanding through multi-billion dollar deals. Walgreens' chief U.S. rival, CVS Health Corp., announced a partnership with the retailer Target last month. Another drugstore chain, Rite Aid Corp., and the health insurer UnitedHealth Group Inc. both are expanding their pharmacy benefits management businesses, and several insurers and drugmakers are planning acquisitions.

Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. now runs more than 13,200 stores and 350 distribution centers in 11 countries. That size gives the company added negotiating muscle over drug prices and other health care products, as the drugstore industry broadens its reach into providing care. Pessina said Thursday, after the company announced his appointment, that Walgreens is eager to get bigger internationally or in a U.S. market that is undergoing "a substantial wave of consolidation."

"I have said clearly that we want to be part of this at the right time with the right partner," he told analysts during a conference call to discuss fiscal third-quarter earnings.

Pessina had served as the interim replacement for Walgreen leader Greg Wasson, who retired after the tie-up with Alliance Boots was completed on the final day of 2014. He told analysts that the Walgreens board decided that there was a benefit to maintaining stability at the top of the company while so much change took place.

Before the deal that created Walgreen Boots Alliance, Pessina had built his career in Europe, where the native of Italy established the pharmaceutical wholesale group Alliance Sante in 1977. Pessina will continue to live in Monaco and report to Walgreens Executive Chairman Jim Skinner, the former CEO of McDonald's Corp.

Walgreen initially bought a 45 percent stake in Alliance Boots in 2012. The U.S. company then announced last year that it would pay about \$16 billion in cash and stock to buy the remaining stake in Alliance Boots that it did not already own. The combined company is headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois.

Pessina is the largest individual shareholder in the combined company, with a 6.8 percent stake, according to FactSet.

Walgreens Boots Alliance also said Thursday that it earned \$1.3 billion in its fiscal third quarter. That amounted to adjusted earnings of \$1.02 per share, a total that trumped expectations on Wall Street.

Analysts forecast, on average, earnings of 87 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Company executives told analysts that strong revenue growth from established U.S. stores, especially in the pharmacy, helped overall results. That's an important performance measurement for retailers because it excludes the impact from stores that have opened or closed. □

US wholesale stockpiles post biggest gain in 6 months in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesalers boosted their stockpiles in May by the largest amount in six months, while sales rose by a modest amount.

Wholesale stockpiles rose 0.8 percent, double the gain in April and the largest one-month rise since November, the Com-

merce Department reported Friday. Sales were up 0.3 percent in May following a 1.7 percent surge in April. That had been the biggest sales increase in more than a year.

The strong increase in inventory building in May could be evidence that businesses are growing more confident about the future. A decision

to accelerate inventory stocking would help bolster overall economic growth.

The May rise left inventories at the wholesale level at a seasonally adjusted \$449.8 billion, 3.8 percent below a year ago.

Economists believe sales at both the wholesale and retail levels will rebound in coming months after a

slowdown in the first quarter that was caused in part by unusually frigid weather. A pickup in consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, is expected to translate into stronger economic growth for the rest of the year.

The government has already reported that retail sales accelerated solidly in

May.

The big inventory gain in May reflected larger stockpiles of autos and auto parts as well as furniture, lumber and computers.

In the January-March quarter, the harsh weather and other factors sent the economy into reverse with the gross domestic product contracting at an annual rate of 0.2 percent. □

Board of Ryanair to sell Aer Lingus stake to rival IAG

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Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Ryanair has agreed to sell its shares in Irish rival Aer Lingus to IAG, putting the British Airways parent solidly on course to acquire the former Irish national airline.

Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O'Leary said Friday that the budget airline's board has voted unanimously to sell its nearly 30 percent stake in Aer Lingus, formally ending Ryanair's own nine-year effort to seize its Dublin-based competitor. British and European competition authorities had repeatedly blocked Ryanair's effort and ordered Ryanair to divest itself, but O'Leary still was fighting those rulings in various courts.

O'Leary called the IAG offer "a reasonable one in the current market" that would allow Ryanair, Europe's fastest-growing airline, to record "a small profit."

International Airlines Group unveiled its 1.3 billion euro



The shamrock logo of Ireland's Aer Lingus, adorns the tailfins of three Airbus A320 aircraft at Dublin Airport. The board of Ryanair has voted to sell its shares in Irish rival Aer Lingus to IAG, Friday July 10, 2015, putting the British Airways parent solidly on course to acquire the former Irish national airline. (AP Photo/Shawn Pogatchnik)

(\$1.45 billion) takeover bid for Aer Lingus in January. The bid now has won acceptance from all three key investors: top shareholder Ryanair; Aer Lingus' own board; and the Irish

government, which retained a 25 percent stake when it privatized the airline in 2006.

IAG, which also owns Spain's Iberia airline, had made its takeover bid con-

ditional on acceptance by Ryanair. It offered no immediate reaction to Ryanair's decision.

Grass-roots shareholders are expected to back the offer at a Dublin extraor-

dinary general meeting Thursday. The deal still requires approval by European Union competition regulators.

IAG already has agreed to a package of concessions to Irish interests to win support from the government. These include giving the government an indefinite right to veto the sale of Aer Lingus' strategic landing slots at London's Heathrow Airport and a guarantee that those slots will be used to operate Irish routes for at least the next seven years.

Aer Lingus owns the fourth-most slots at Heathrow, Europe's busiest hub. Industry analysts have estimated their value alone at 450 million euros (\$500 million).

IAG also has pledged to increase trans-Atlantic traffic operating from Ireland, boosting tourism and business opportunities for the island nation, which is heavily dependent on air links. IAG chief executive Willie Walsh, a Dubliner, previously held the same position at Aer Lingus. □

Farewell flight for US Airways expected in October

DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The last flight for US Airways will take place this fall, and one more name in airline history will disappear.

The farewell flight for US Airways will be a red-eye — Flight 434 is scheduled to leave San Francisco around 10 p.m. and land in Philadelphia after 6 a.m. on Oct. 17. The US Airways website will be turned off. Airport kiosks and signs will

change to American Airlines.

The two airlines merged in December 2013 and decided to keep the better-known American name. Vestiges of the carrier will survive for some time, however, as some planes won't be repainted yet in American's colors and logo.

In the last 10 years, mergers have eliminated Northwest, Continental and AirTran. Before that, Pan

Am, TWA and many smaller carriers disappeared.

American Airlines Group Inc. announced the timing of the curtain call on Friday. The company's biggest challenge may be combining the computer systems of two airlines without creating the kinds of problems that have plagued United and Continental after they combined reservations systems in 2012. This week, all United flights were grounded

and more than 1,000 were delayed after a problem that the airline blamed on a faulty router.

Maya Leibman, American's chief information officer, said American has built in redundancies and disaster-recovery programs in key systems. But referring to United, she said, "There is no technology leader that could stand up and say with 100 percent certainty that nothing like this could ever happen

to them."

American officials said they have hired about 1,900 airport and reservations agents and will give special training to nearly 10,000 current employees to perform the switch from the US Airways reservations system, called Shares, to American's, which is provided by Sabre. The airline is also reducing flights around the switch to lighten the load on computer systems. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

3	5	4	8	6	2	7	9	1
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6	1	7	9	3	4	5	2	8
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7	3	1	6	4	9	2	8	5
4	8	6	2	5	3	9	1	7
2	9	5	1	8	7	3	6	4

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

1 Cuts the lawn
5 ___ up; begin laughing
10 Get ready, for short
14 Deserve
15 Person
16 ___ about; tout
17 Bangkok native
18 Still breathing
19 Top cards
20 "I ___ so"; words of reluctant agreement
22 Spookiest
24 ___ in the sky; unrealistic plan
25 Argon & xenon
26 Iron alloy
29 Bit of butter
30 Sandy shore
34 Difficult
35 ___ Ripken Jr.
36 Sell from a cart
37 Busy month at the IRS: abbr.
38 Umbrella
40 TV's Rather
41 Potato parer's implement
43 "I've ___ it!"; cry of frustration
44 One named in a will
45 Actor Cibrian
46 Cushion
47 Unsanitary
48 ___ for; chose
50 Frank Sinatra's third wife
51 Actor Charles
54 Purse
58 "The ___ Ranger"
59 Happen
61 Smart
62 Makes fun of
63 Claims against property
64 West or Wylie
65 Mrs. Truman
66 Walk in water
67 Strong desires

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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39 Blue
42 Female feline
44 Make ___; progress
46 Writing implement
47 Clear liquor
49 Pliers & saws
50 Wetland
51 Spill the beans
52 Lasso, for one
53 Dollar bills
54 Attila's men
55 ___ one's time; wait
56 Strong ___ ox
57 Jewels
60 Corp. head

Pope

Continued from page

In his most important speech of the trip, Francis on Thursday apologized for the sins and crimes of the Catholic Church against the continent's indigenous peoples during the colonial conquest of the Americas. Francis' final event before he flew to Paraguay brought him up close to the reality of the continent's most ostracized and vulnerable to abuse.

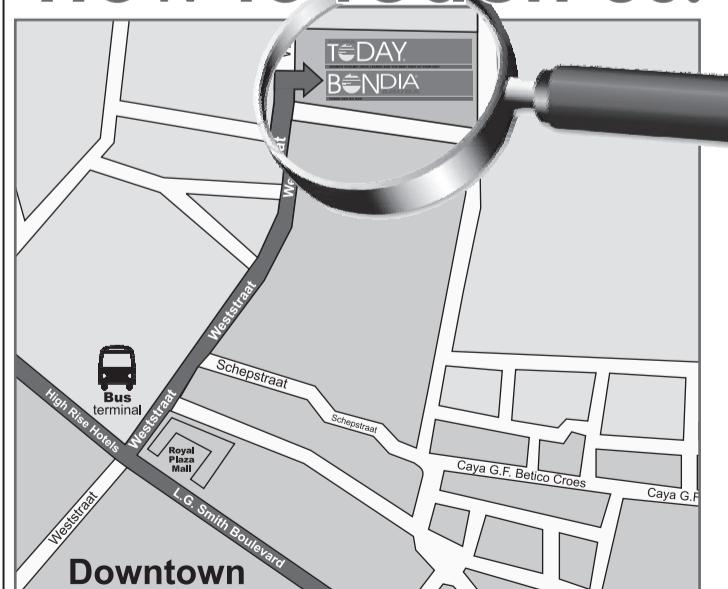
Monsignor Jesus Juarez, who is in charge of pastoral care for Bolivia's prison system, said it was a scandal that 84 percent of inmates haven't been tried and that prisons are 300 percent beyond capacity. Three inmates described desperate conditions and asked the pope to intercede, while two young girls played at the pope's feet, one getting up to hug him. Analia Parada decried "constant violations of our fundamental rights and above all the deafness of administrators of justice in our country, who don't apply the law, converting Bolivian justice into judicial terrorism directed at people of scarce economic resources who can't buy justice."

Leonidas Rodriguez said he had watched "how they killed a companion and left him wrapped in a blanket. No authority did anything about it." □

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California shark attack rates plunge 90 percent since 1950s

CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Swimmers and surfers today are about 90 percent less likely to be attacked by sharks off California's coast than they were in the 1950s, even though there are hundreds of thousands more people in the water, according to a new study.

The findings mark a stark contrast to recent headlines out of North Carolina, where a record number of shark attacks have been reported this year. Eight people were bitten in the past three weeks alone.

More research is needed to explain the apparent disparity, said Francesco Ferretti of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station.

What the study did show was that although the reported number of attacks along California has risen slightly over the past six decades, the risk of attack has plummeted, according to Ferretti and fellow Stanford researcher Fiorenza Micheli.

"Considering how many more people are out there in the ocean, we should expect many more attacks," Ferretti said Thursday.



In this Sept. 14, 2004, file photo, a great white shark swims at the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Outer Bay Exhibit in Monterey, Calif.

Associated Press

Researchers said the decline likely was the result of sharks focusing their attention on their natural prey, such as sea lions and elephant seals — whose populations have surged in recent years thanks to conservation efforts.

There might also be fewer sharks in the water, they said. It's been tough historically to track shark populations.

On average in the 1950s, California saw less than one

attack on humans per year, Micheli said. That number has gone up to about one or two attacks a year over the past decade.

The human population in coastal California tripled during the same period — from 7 million in the 1950s to 21 million in 2013, the study said. Meanwhile, the number of surfers, scuba divers and beachgoers has spiked.

In December, a juvenile great white pulled a man off his surfboard along the Central Coast. That was about 50 miles up the coast from the site of an attack on a surfer near Vandenberg Air Force Base in October. Both men survived.

In North Carolina, most of this year's attacks happened in shallow water. The eight reported in the past three weeks broke a record for the most shark bites off the state's coast in the 80 years in which records have been kept.

Ferretti said more research is needed to determine what's behind that spike. Some experts say it might be related to an unseasonably hot June that rapidly raised ocean temperatures off North Carolina and prompted fish to migrate north earlier than usual. In California, researchers put the odds of a swimmer getting attacked by a great white at about one

in every 738 million beach visits.

"You have a better chance of winning the lottery," Ferretti said. For surfers, the chances were one in 17 million.

"It's a saying in the community: You're more at risk of getting hit by a falling coconut," said Chris Planté, an assistant curator at Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. "I don't have numbers to back that up, but I do know you're more at risk of getting bit by a dog than a shark."

Swimmers and surfers can further reduce their risk by taking to the water in the spring. Attack rates vary throughout the year, with the highest in October and November and the lowest between March and May. The pattern matches sharks' seasonal shifts in migration, Ferretti said.

Attacks are much less likely in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura counties. That's because sharks in Southern California tend to be juveniles, so they're smaller and less dangerous, researchers said.

As they grow, they migrate north to find prey, so they're more dangerous in Northern California.

The Stanford study will be published in this month's issue of the journal *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*. □

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John Fogerty sues former CCR band-mates over new band



In this July 18, 2014 file photo, singer-songwriter John Fogerty performs in concert at The Sands Event Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Fogerty is suing two of his former Creedence Clearwater Revival bandmates claiming they haven't paid him in years for performing the band's hits with their new group. Fogerty's lawsuit filed Friday in Los Angeles is against Stuart Cook and Douglas Clifford, two founding Creedence members who now perform — without Fogerty — under the name Creedence Clearwater Revisited. Fogerty previously sued

the men over using the Creedence Clearwater name, but settled with them in 2001 for a share of their touring and merchandise income. Fogerty's lawsuit claims he hasn't been paid his share since December 2011. His lawsuit does not say how much he is seeking. Both Fogerty and Creedence Clearwater Revisited are on tour. A message sent through the band's website seeking comment was not immediately returned. □

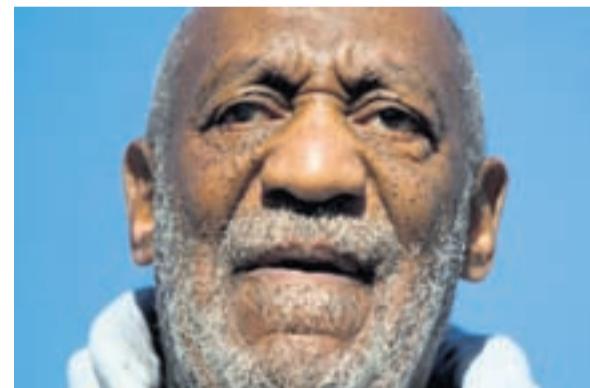
Conservative black group faults release of Cosby documents

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A black conservatives leadership group is criticizing the federal judge who unsealed portions of Bill Cosby's deposition in a sexual assault lawsuit.

Project 21 is sponsored by the Washington-based National Center for Public Policy Research. It says Cosby's public statements about parenthood, crime and other issues shouldn't have played a part in the decision.

Project 21 says the documents should be sealed or unsealed based solely on "legal reasons, not due to Cosby's beliefs." U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno said in Monday's ruling in Philadelphia that he unsealed the 2005 documents because local court rules favor transparency.

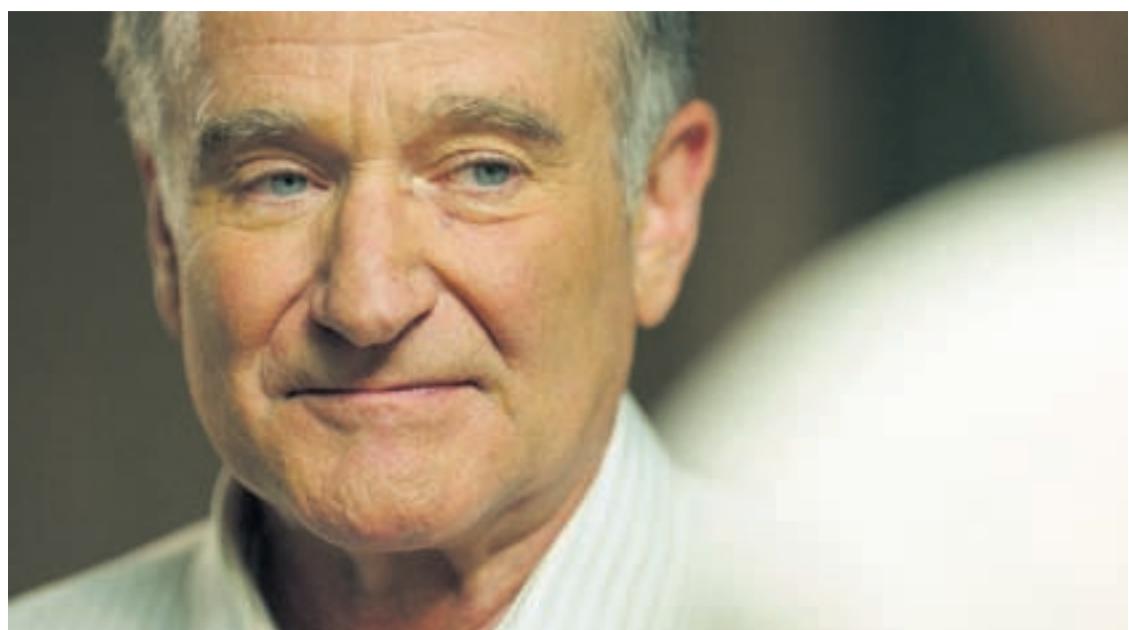
Robreno said Cosby's claims of embarrassment were insufficient legal



In this Nov. 11, 2014, file photo, comedian and Navy veteran Bill Cosby speaks during a Veterans Day ceremony in Philadelphia.

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grounds to keep the documents sealed. He also said Cosby "voluntarily narrowed (his) zone of privacy" when he used the media "soap box" to comment on other people's behavior. □



In this image released by Starz Digital, Robin Williams appears in a scene from the film, "Boulevard." In the film, Williams plays a closeted gay man who comes out in his 60's and then leaves his lifelong love, his wife of 40 years, played by Kathy Baker.

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Director: Robin Williams focused on character in final role

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NEW YORK (AP) — Dito Montiel says Robin Williams sometimes goofed around on set while filming "Boulevard," but the director says more often, the late actor spent the time between takes contemplating what his character would do next. "Sometimes he'd do a show for sure. That's kind of him. Then sometimes he's sitting there really thinking about the character," says Montiel. "He really cared about the characters a

lot."

"Boulevard," which opened in New York on Friday, is Williams' last dramatic role to be released following his death last summer.

In the film, which expands to other theaters on July 17, Williams plays a closeted gay man who comes out in his 60's and then leaves his lifelong love, his wife of 40 years, played by Kathy Baker.

Montiel says he was thrilled when he got a call saying Williams wanted to talk to him, but he never dreamed it would be about this indie film.

"I was like, 'Whoa, that's crazy,'" the director says, thinking maybe it was about a new "Mrs. Doubtfire," which was rumored to be up for a sequel.

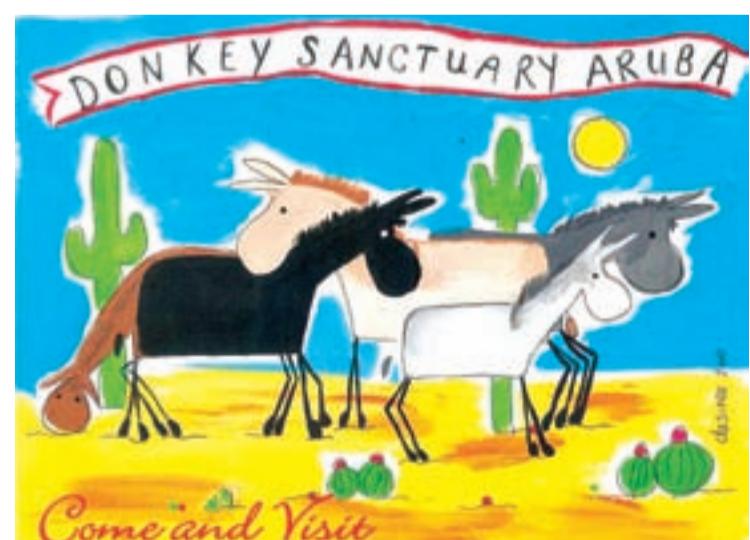
Montiel says he "loved" working with Williams on "Boulevard" and even

though he was an admirer, he was a bit surprised at how well Williams immersed himself in the role.

"He won an Academy Award for being a dramatic actor, so I was not that surprised he could tap into it," the director says. "I was surprised at how well he could, honestly, because you have this pre-conceived notion about a lot of famous people."

Montiel, who admits he still keeps some of the phone messages Williams left him, says it was "incredible" getting to know the actor while they worked on the film and says it was even better to hear Williams say he was pleased with his performance.

"All I kept thinking was, 'Man, I hope he really likes it' and he really liked it," Montiel says. "I miss him. It was really nice to make a movie with him." □



Why toy 'Minion' curse words might just all be in your head

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NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's swears up and down that the little yellow "Minions" Happy Meal toy is speaking only nonsense words and not something a little more adult.

Experts say the company may be right, and the curse words many hear may be tied to how our brains are primed to find words even when they're not really there.

The world's largest hamburger chain and purveyor of Happy Meals said Friday that it doesn't plan to take the talking Happy Meal toy out of distribution, even though some customers say it sounds like it's cursing.

A toy bought by The Associated Press made a sound that could be interpreted as the phrase often abbreviated as "WTF." Another phrase sounded like it could be "Well I'll be damned." The sound quality of the toy makes it hard to say definitively who is right.

The little yellow Minion characters speak a nonsense language and McDonald's Corp. said the Minion Caveman toy makes three sounds — "ha ha ha," "para la bu-kay," and "eh eh." The



This Friday, July 10, 2015 photo shows a "Minion" toy in New York, distributed in McDonald's restaurant's Happy Meals.

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Oak Brook, Illinois-based company issued a statement saying it received only a few comments from customers about the toy, which was introduced July 3.

Nonsense speech will sometimes sound a bit like a real language, and experts say human brains are also wired to look for meaning in noise and images. So people will sometimes hear words in gibberish — including words they might think are inappropriate.

"The brain tries to find a pattern match, even when

just receiving noise, and it is good at pattern recognition," says Dr. Steven Novella, a neurologist at the Yale School of Medicine. "Once the brain feels it has found a best match, then that is what you hear. The clarity of the speech actually increases with multiple exposures, or if you are primed by being told what to listen for" — as most people who heard the toy online already had been.

The technical name for the phenomenon is "pareidolia," hearing sounds or seeing images that seem

meaningful but are actually random. It leads people to see shapes in clouds, a man in the moon or the face of Jesus on a grilled cheese sandwich.

The audio form of pareidolia has been causing confusion for years and years. In the 1960s the FBI investigated The Kingsmen's version of the song "Louie Louie" after concerned citizens complained that the lyrics were obscene. The band denied it, but hardly anybody could figure out the lyrics, including the FBI. The agency officially declared

the words unintelligible. A similar phenomenon could have contributed to the belief that rock bands would put messages in their music that could only be heard by playing a record or running a tape backward.

That contributed to the "Paul Is Dead" conspiracy theory — in which the Beatles were supposedly covering up the death and replacement of Paul McCartney, but were constantly dropping hints about the cover-up in their songs — and lawsuits against heavy metal bands.

Last year a group of researchers published a paper called "Seeing Jesus in toast: neural and behavioral correlates of face pareidolia."

"They wanted to understand what happens in the brains of people who see a face pop out of the toaster, and they received an Ig Nobel Prize, given to scientists who do unusual, imaginative or odd work of questionable importance. The McDonald's promotion is scheduled to run through the end of July. The film "Minions," a prequel to the "Despicable Me" movies, premieres Friday. Some moviegoers will probably be listening intently to the Minions' dialogue. □

AP Interview: Dave Grohl says injury has made Foos stronger

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NEW YORK (AP) — Even though Dave Grohl has a broken foot and has been reduced to performing from a chair, he insists his injury has not set his band back, but strengthened it. "I think these have been the best shows the Foo Fighters have ever done. I think because of this situation and because of the challenge of just getting onstage to the do the shows, the shows are more passionate, they're more energetic," Grohl said in a phone interview with The Associated Press from Quebec City on Friday.

"When the audience sees me in that chair, they realize we're all in this together," he said added. "I'm just a dude with a broken leg and I'm going to give you three hours of everything I got."



In this July 4, 2015 file photo, The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl performs with a cast at RFK Stadium in Washington.

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Grohl fell onstage in Swe-

den last month and fractured his foot. He said he initially didn't feel any pain: He had a cast put on his leg during the show and he finished the performance.

Days later, he completed surgery and the band canceled the rest of its European tour.

But they emerged in Washington, D.C., last weekend as Grohl hit the stage sitting in a throne with his foot propped up in a purple cast. He strummed his guitar loudly and sang like usual — all from a chair that's equipped with a seat belt to keep the excited rock star from falling over.

Grohl said he had been planning that show for more than a year; the concert date marked the 20th anniversary of the Foo Fighters' self-titled debut album.

"And I'm from Washington, D.C. My dream as a kid was to be able to play

the big room in my hometown and RFK (Stadium) is the big room in my hometown," he said. "There was nothing that was going to keep me from missing that show. Nothing. If they had to wheel me out on a stretcher, I still would have done it."

Grohl said he drew the throne he sat on in his hotel room when he was thinking of ways he could still perform with a broken foot. The band has about 50 shows scheduled through November.

"Listen to my voice right now. My voice is so (messed) up because I don't want to get offstage. I keep screaming until I don't have anything left," he said. □

Omar Sharif, of "Doctor Zhivago," "Lawrence of Arabia," dies

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CAIRO (AP) — In "Lawrence of Arabia," Omar Sharif first emerges as speck in distance in the shimmering desert sand. He draws closer, a black-robed figure on a trotting camel, until he finally dismounts, pulling aside his scarf to reveal his dark eyes and a disarming smile framed by his thin mustache.

The Egyptian-born actor's Hollywood debut immediately enshrined him as a smoldering leading man of the 1960s, transcending nationality.

Sharif died of a heart attack in a Cairo hospital on Friday at the age of 83, his London-based agent Steve Kenis and close friends said.

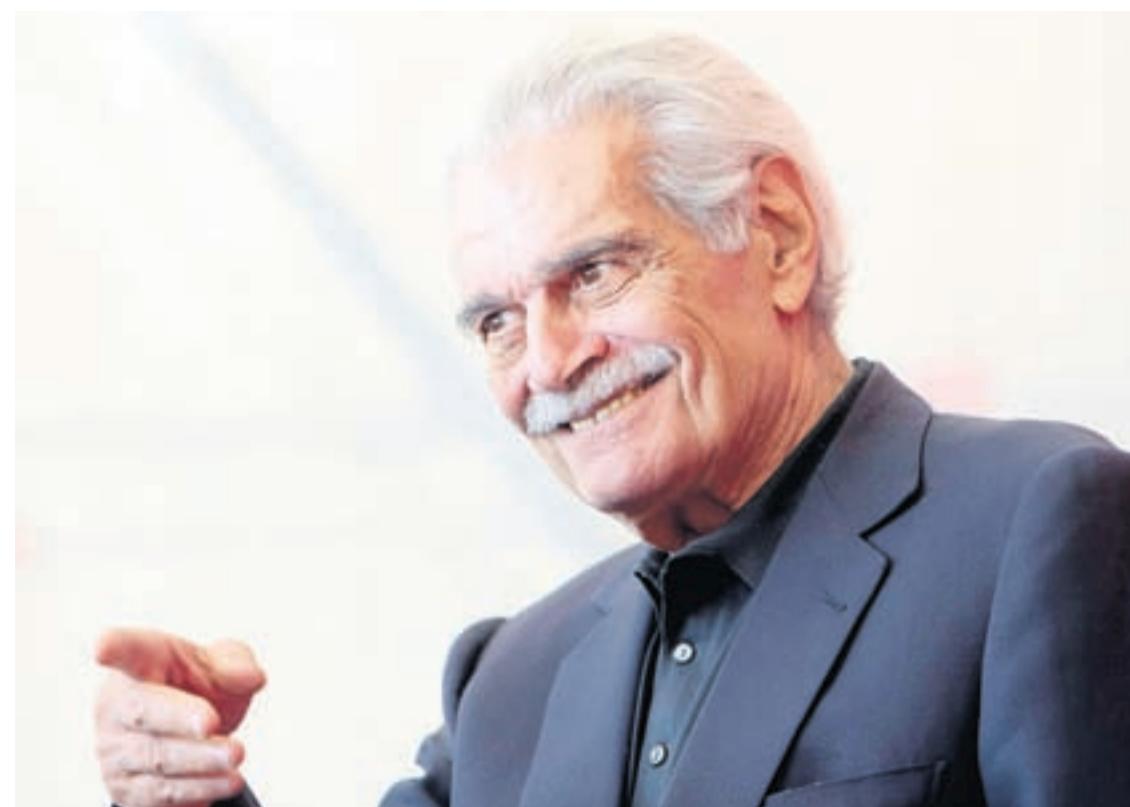
When director David Lean cast him in 1962's "Lawrence of Arabia," Sharif was already the biggest heartthrob in his homeland, where he played brooding, romantic heroes in multiple films in the 1950s — and was married to Egyptian cinema's reigning screen beauty. But he was a virtual unknown elsewhere. He wasn't Lean's first choice to play Sherif Ali, the tribal leader with whom Peter

O'Toole's T.E. Lawrence teams up to help lead the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire. Lean had hired another actor but dropped him because his eyes weren't the right color. The film's producer, Sam Spiegel, went to Cairo to search for a replacement and found Sharif. After passing a screen test that proved he was fluent in English, he got the job. The film brought him a supporting-actor Oscar nomination. His international stardom was cemented three years later by his starring turn in another sweeping historical epic by Lean, "Doctor Zhivago."

Though he had over 100 films to his credit, "Doctor Zhivago" was considered his Hollywood classic. The Russian doctor-poet Zhivago makes his way through the upheaval of World War I and the Bolshevik Revolution, guided by his devotion to his art and to his doomed love for Lara, played by Julie Christie.

Still, Sharif never thought it was as good as it could have been.

"It's sentimental. Too much of that music," he once said, referring to Maurice Jarre's luscious Oscar-winning score.



In this Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 file photo, Egyptian actor Omar Sharif gestures during the photo call for the film 'Al Mosafer (The Traveller)' at the 66th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy. Sharif has died in a Cairo hospital of a heart attack, his agent said on Friday, July 10, 2015.

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Although Sharif never achieved that level of success again, he remained a sought-after actor for many years, able to play different nationalities. He was Argentine-born revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara in "Che!", Italian Marco Polo in "Marco the Magnificent" and Mongol leader Genghis Khan in "Genghis Khan." He was a German officer in "The

Night of the Generals," an Austrian prince in "Mayerling" and a Mexican outlaw in "Mackenna's Gold." He was also the Jewish gambler Nick Arnstein opposite Barbra Streisand's Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl." The 1968 film was banned in his native Egypt because he was cast as a Jew. "He was handsome, sophisticated and charming. He was a proud Egyp-

tian and in some people's eyes," Streisand said in a statement. She said the Funny Girl casting was controversial but "the romantic chemistry between Nicky Arnstein and Fanny Brice transcended stereotypes and prejudice."

"I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Omar, and I'm profoundly sad to hear of his passing," she said. □

Teen who tried to charge phone on Broadway stage says sorry

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NEW YORK (AP) — It's nearly every day that a politician or CEO or government official or celebrity displays contrition for their wrongdoings. On Friday it was the turn of a New York teen who bizarrely clambered onto a Broadway stage to try to recharge his phone in a prop outlet.

Nick Silvestri, of Seaford, New York, held a press conference Friday outside the Booth Theatre, where on July 2 he had to be pulled off the stage by ushers moments before the play "Hand to God" started.

He apologized, blaming ignorance and alcohol. He said it wasn't a stunt, even

though his buddy took video of the attempt. Silvestri describe it as just bad decision-making.

"Ultimately, before coming to see 'Hand to God,' I downed a few drinks and I think that clearly impaired my judgment," said Silvestri, 19. "Before the show started, I noticed that my phone's battery was low, and the only power outlet I saw was on stage."

The attempt to recharge was, in the end, pointless: The onstage outlet was just a prop, created by Tony Award-winner Beowulf Boritt, whose set is a realistic depiction of a Texas church basement.

"I didn't know the stage is considered off limits," Sil-

vestri said, adding he now felt terrible for the performers. He vowed never to get onstage again "unless I decide to be an actor."

The act was at least in keeping with the anarchic nature of the show. Playwright Robert Askins' bracing comedy mixes violence, swearing, brutal honesty, parental failure, church hypocrisy and plenty of sex — of both human and puppet varieties.

Silvestri did want to impart a lesson from the whole experience: "If I want to give one message to folks out there it's that you should give your complete attention to the actors on stage," he said. "I'm sorry for my actions, and I hope



Nick Silvestri, of Seaford, N.Y., press conference on Friday, July 10, 2015, outside the Booth Theatre in New York where on July 2 he had to be pulled off the stage by ushers moments before the play "Hand to God" started.

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that I can become an example of a great theatergoer in the future." His theatrical faux pas has been part of a month of bad behavior on Broadway. On Wednesday, the beloved Patti LuPone endured the buzz of hearing

aids improperly turned up and several ringing phones during the matinee of "Shows for Days" at Lincoln Center. That evening, she caught someone texting during the play and swiped the phone out of the patron's hand. □

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